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INVASION SIGNS BEGIN TO MULTIPLY

Signal For German Assault Believed To Be Imminent

Hitler's Visit To Channel Ports

NOTHING THAT IS KNOWN OF GERMAN PREPARATIONS IN NORTHERN FRANCE JUSTIFIES THE BELIEF THAT THEY HAVE ABANDONED THE INTENTION OF STRIKING AT US BY AIR, SAID THE LONDON "TIMES" YESTERDAY, AND THEY WILL ATTEMPT AN INVASION IF THE GAMBLE SEEMS WORTH IT.

The Fuehrer's visit to the Channel ports and his delicious speech to his bodyguard — "I don't know what your fate will be but so long as I have the honour to lead the fight at the head of the Reich it shall be an honour to you to bear my name and stand at the head of this battle — do not suggest abandonment of the great design."

The "News Chronicle" says that signs that Hitler will shortly attempt an invasion have multiplied over Christmas, and men well qualified to speak believe these signs are not merely a bluff to divert attention from the Balkans but a signal that the great assault is about to begin.

RUMOURS OF NAZI TROOP MOVEMENTS

THERE IS AS YET NO CONFIRMATION OF REPORTS OF GERMAN TROOPS IN ONE DIRECTION OR ANOTHER, AND EXTREME DOUBT IS ATTACHED TO THEM IN LONDON.

Rumours of large troop movements in the direction of Rumania seem to have been started by the curtailing of railway traffic in Hungary — a curtailing which could have been caused by quite different causes.

GREEK DRIVE ON ALL FRONTS

The Greeks continue to advance on all fronts in Albania, according to latest information on the campaign available in Athens yesterday.

In the coastal sector they are pushing north-east from Chiumure towards Vlorë in the centre the Italians are retreating, and in the north the Greeks are converging from two directions on Elbasan. A Greek communiqué reports the capture of another 200 prisoners as well as quantities of war material.

Local operations were maintained with success, the communiqué added. The latest batch of prisoners included officers, while a general taken consisted of automatic arms and mortars.

Press messages from Athens summarise the 24 hours to Friday night as a day of continued Italian retreat north-east of Chiumure and of further progress by the Greeks who captured prisoners in the Drinas River region.

From some of the heights captured, Greek artillery had been dragged on improvised sledges through deep snow by men and mules, and the Greeks were showing signs of dominating the northern approaches to Tepelini through the upper valley of the River Viosa.

Further north, despite deep snow the Greeks continued to drive back the Italians. An earlier message stated the Greeks had been assisted by detachments of Albanians under the noted rebel leader Blinli Topi.

One detachment on the Greek right wing, attacking from the south-west, is reported to have forced the Italians after a two and a half hours battle, to retreat across the River Maribor over the only bridge in the vicinity. — British Wireless.

MANCHESTER RAID VICTIMS

CIVIC FUNERAL

An impressive civic funeral was given in Manchester yesterday for 72 of the city's inhabitants killed in the Nazi air raid earlier in the week.

The long line of coffins was draped with Union Jacks and the service was attended by the Lord Mayor, civil dignitaries and prominent representatives of all religious bodies.

MR. YOSHIZAWA IN BATAVIA

MR. KENKICHI YOSHIZAWA, CHIEF JAPANESE DELEGATE TO THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, ARRIVED IN BATAVIA YESTERDAY MORNING ON BOARD THE "NISSEI MARU" FROM SOERABAYA. Mr. Yoshizawa is expected to meet the Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies, Jonkheer A. W. L. Tjarda van Stattenborgh Steenhuyzen, on Thursday this week. — Reuter.

Both evidence and legitimate deductions accumulate in favour of those who believe in the imminence of an invasion.

THE NAVY AND AIR FORCE HAVE BEEN FOUNDED THE CHANNEL PORTS MORE SEVERELY THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE MID-SEPTEMBER.

Precautions Taken

Hitler has spent Christmas touring one of the areas whence an invading force would start and has been addressing troops and airman with an impudent disregard of all he had said to them before.

We have done less talking but we have acted and our precautions are taken. The Army is ready to lose back into the sea whatever enemy units may escape the vigilance of the Navy.

Decisive Step

The Air Force is ready to again fight and win a battle as decisive as that which it fought in September.

But whatever the truth may be as regards the time and place of invasion it is certain Hitler cannot afford a long war. Soon he must take a decisive step that will assuredly bring ruin on his head. — Reuter.

PRESIDENT LINER MYSTERY

MR. LING HO-WANG, FORMER CHINESE CONSUL-GENERAL IN THE PHILIPPINES, DISAPPEARED YESTERDAY MORNING ON BOARD THE "PRESIDENT PIERCE" WHILE EN ROUTE TO MANILA FROM HONG KONG, ACCORDING TO THE MANILA CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES.

THE SHIP'S OFFICERS SAID ON ARRIVAL IN MANILA THAT MR. LING ATTENDED A MOVIE ON BOARD ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND WAS LAST SEEN AT FOUR O'CLOCK YESTERDAY MORNING STROLLING ON THE DECK.

MR. LING BECAME MINISTER TO SPAIN AFTER LEAVING THE PHILIPPINES. HE WAS WELL-KNOWN IN MANILA, WHERE HE WAS GOING ON BUSINESS. — REUTER.

LIEUT. DON BRADMAN

Lt. Don Bradman, on leave from the Army, bowled the first ball when playing for South Australia against Victoria at Adelaide yesterday. South Australia scored 191 and 421 and Victoria 172 and 205. South Australia winning by 173 runs. — Reuter.



One of the features of Christmaseve in London this year was observance of the festival in air raid shelters of the Underground Railway system. Concerts and community singing kept the spirit of Christmas alive. This picture shows an impromptu concert in progress at Aldwych Tube Station during one of the first shelter experiments. (Copyright, Fox.)

D.F.C. For South African Pilot Hero

Among awards announced in London yesterday was the Distinguished Flying Cross to Captain Bowles, of the South African Air Force.

Capt. Bowles took off from a water-logged aerodrome to help his squadron commander who was being attacked by eight enemy planes.

Although his squadron commander was shot down, Captain Bowles continued the fight but his engine was so badly damaged that he was compelled to land.

Although well over enemy territory by skilful manoeuvring he reached our side of the lines. — Reuter.

DAY AND NIGHT ATTACKS ON U-BOAT BASES

THE AIR MINISTRY announced in London yesterday that R.A.F. bombers attacked the main German submarine base in occupied France, at Lorient, on Friday night a few hours after a visit to the port during the day.

The official statement says our bombers raided dockyards, aerodromes and submarine bases at Bordeaux, Lorient and Le Havre.

ITALIAN AIR LOSSES

During the week ending December 25 the R.A.F. destroyed 31 Italian planes, not including planes destroyed on the ground.

Ten were lost in Greece and 21 in the Western Desert. The R.A.F. lost only seven machines on all fronts in the same period. The grand total of Italian aircraft destroyed is now 410, as against 76 lost by the R.A.F. — Reuter.

Aerodromes in Brittany and at Lorient were also attacked; all our aircraft returned safely to base.

Meanwhile, aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm scored direct hits and set on fire a 4,000-ton enemy supply ship at Haugesund, in Norway.

The attack was carried out by Skua dive-bombers, which also bombed Haugesund harbour. The ship which was set on fire was moved alongside a jetty.

Jetties and warehouses were also bombed, and an enemy anti-aircraft gun silenced by machine-gun fire.

In addition to attacks at Cherbourg, the Focke-Wulf aerodrome at Bordeaux was bombed. At Lorient docks and the power station were the target of the raid. Two of our aircraft failed to return to base. — Reuter.

BARDIA UNDER BARRAGE

The British bombardment of Bardia is becoming more concentrated with the arrival of further artillery reinforcements.

No attempt has been made by the Italians to relieve the town and the defenders are now using up their ammunition in an effort to stave off the impending British assault.

The Italians are feverishly constructing new fortifications at Tobruk and so establish a second stronghold when Bardia falls.

Operating West

British units are now operating west of Bardia. It was revealed in a communiqué from G.H.Q. in Cairo yesterday, which added that the concentration west of Bardia is proceeding smoothly and that artillery is shelling the Italian garrison.

Four more guns were taken south of Bardia yesterday, while operations by our mobile units are proceeding to clear the way for the main assault.

Our patrols have been active on the Sudan and Kenya borders, the communiqué concluded. — Reuter.

Fear Of Gestapo In Italy

Fear of the Gestapo has cast gloom over social events in Italy, according to a neutral traveller who has just left that country.

The usually lively cafes are now dreary places with the hub-bub of animated conversation no longer heard.

There is no coffee and sugar is scarce, though there is plenty of spaghetti, owing to inability to export it through the British blockade.

Mails are censored, while railway passenger traffic is 60 per cent less than before the war. The traveller added that few private motor-cars are seen in the streets. — Reuter.

HEAVY BOMBING OF LONDON ENDS LULL IN RAIDS

AFTER A THREE-DAY LULL LONDON ON FRIDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCED ONE OF THE HEAVIEST RAIDS FOR SOME TIME; THE ATTACK BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER DARK AND WAS OVER BEFORE MIDNIGHT.

An official Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communiqué says the raid on the capital lasted four hours. Many bombs were dropped and several fires caused which were quickly put out, many being extinguished while the raid was still in progress.

There were a number of killed and injured and many dwelling houses were destroyed. Enemy planes also dropped bombs in East Anglia and South-East England and at one point on the South Coast.

For two hours the roar of anti-aircraft guns in London hardly ceased.

The Nazi bombers first dropped flares and then incendiary bombs, followed by high explosives.

A hospital with 700 patients was damaged when two bombs dropped nearby but there were no casualties.

Blitz Features

As the air raid on London developed it had the features of the Great Blitz.

The crash of gunfire, flashes of burning shells, the light of flares and the dropping bombs produced an awe-inspiring spectacle but Londoners carried on as usual.

Buses and trains ran and the main thoroughfares were never completely deserted.

The all-clear sounded in the London area well before midnight. — Reuter.

A London parish church was gutted as a result of being hit by a number of incendiary bombs. The church seats a thousand people.

In an adjacent thoroughfare a heavy bomb destroyed a hotel. A number of houses nearby were wrecked. — British Wireless.

THREE ACES

A CANADIAN PILOT IS ONE OF THE HEROES OF THE FIGHTING ROUND BARDIA.

Yesterday he saw three Italian motor vehicles dashing out of Bardia.

He swooped to the attack, riddling the first car with machine-gun bullets. It crashed and the second car piled into it.

The third car received a burst of machine-gun fire and also crashed. — Reuter.

PACIFIC RAIDER HUNT

Britain is making strenuous efforts to catch the German raiders in the South Pacific.

This is the conclusion drawn from an announcement by United States Navy headquarters in New York yesterday that all ships bound for Fiji ports must first call at Suva for orders, from January 1.

Shipping circles in New York consider that control of all vessels there would make it difficult for raiders to provision at small island ports.

It is believed the British and Dutch navies have mined certain areas in an attempt to trap the raiders. — Reuter.

ITALIAN CLAIMS

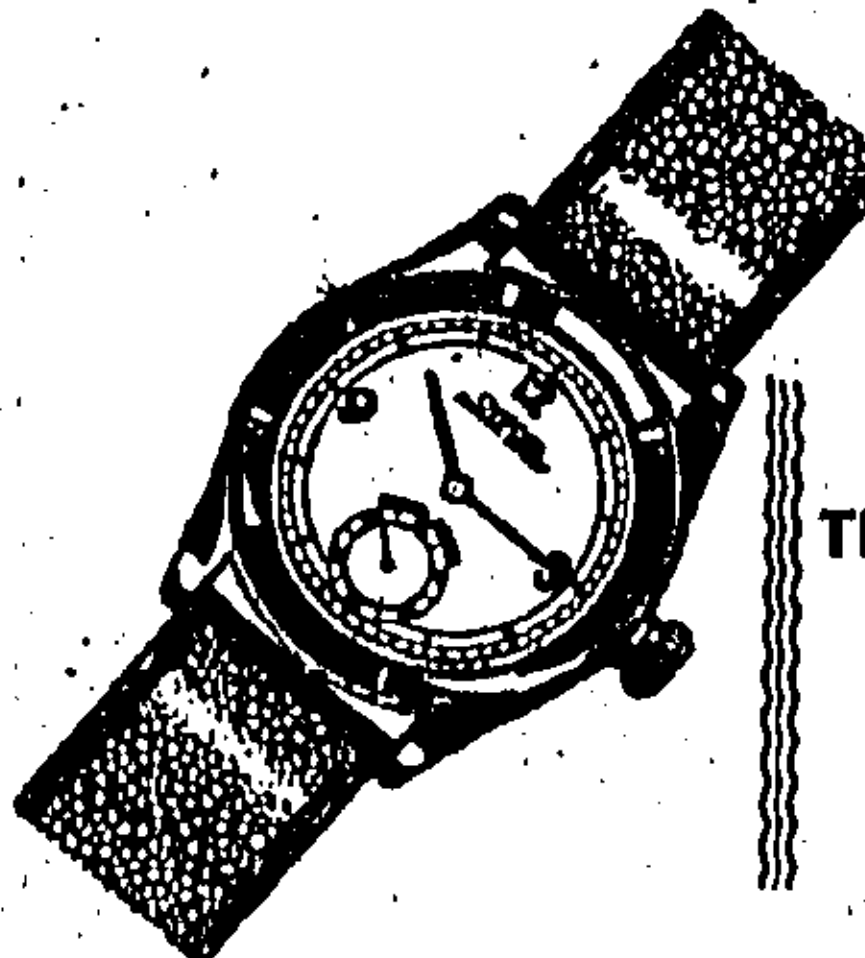
Artillery activity on the Bardia front was reported in yesterday's Italian High Command communiqué.

An Italian naval unit was alleged to have bombarded British armoured detachments along the coast.

A 5,000-ton vessel (nationally unspecified) was said to have been sunk in the Mediterranean by a torpedo attack by an Italian aeroplane.

On the Greek front, says the communiqué, enemy attacks were repulsed.

An Italian submarine, it concludes, has failed to return from the Atlantic. — Reuter.



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HUNGARIAN AGITATION HINTS AT "ROW" WITH RUMANIA

HUNGARY HAS started agitation against Rumania, two radio announcements yesterday hinting of trouble to come between the two countries.

Bratislava radio declared that Hungary is preparing to recall her Minister from Bucharest, though no move is expected before the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Csaky, recovers from his indisposition.

INDO-CHINA BORDER CLASHES

After some comparatively quiet days along the frontier, border clashes between Thai and French Indo-Chinese forces took place again on the early morning of December 24, states a Japanese report received in Tokyo from Hanoi yesterday.

The report says Thai forces began shelling Indo-Chinese troops stationed around Savannakhet, on the frontier.

Indo-Chinese troops in retaliation, the report continues, attacked Thai troops along the Khammouat railway and bitter fighting continued for some time.

In these clashes three Thai soldiers are stated to have been killed and eight wounded, while one Indo-Chinese soldier was slightly wounded. — Reuter.

FUNIELTY ARTISTES

A small but enthusiastic party of amateur artists have spent most of the festive season in rehearsal for "Funielty" which is to be presented at the China Fleet Club Theatre on Friday evening.

The cast includes:— "Freddy" Archer, Monty Ditton, "Billy" Reid, Melville Wild, Adson Fisher, Jack Fountain, George Frost, "Leo" Gibson, John Gilchrist, Gertrude Goddard, Stanley Hinchcliffe, David Kossick, "Tommy" King, William Knight, Frank Lee, Maude Minnie Mather, "Myrtle" the Memory Man, "Bill" Samways, Daisy Shields, Micky de Sousa and Elvie Yuen.

Although many of the performers have appeared in recent shows all the acts are new and "Funielty" promises to show its audience something different in the presentation of variety entertainment.

The performance is in aid of the funds of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children and adults may be booked at The Anderson Music Company, Ice House Street.

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WEDDING AT ST. JOSEPH'S

THE MARRIAGE TOOK PLACE AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, BETWEEN MISS JUNO BUCKS, AND MR. LEONARDO ANTONIO ELARTE, THE REV. FR. TERUZZI OFFICIATING.

The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bucks, and the bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. Bernabe Elarte and Mrs. Inez Andrade.

A reception was held at the Gloucester Hotel, a large number of relatives and friends attending. The couple left for Repulse Bay where the honeymoon is to be spent.

U.S. Aircraft Speed-up

The United States Government is considering a big new measure for speeding up the production of aircraft.

President Roosevelt told his press conference yesterday, that the U.S. Government is seriously considering the recent proposal that the entire facilities of the motor industry should be pooled to permit the production of 500 aeroplanes a day within six months.

The proposal was made by the Committee of Industrial Organization, one of whose leaders represents the American Labour Movement on the U.S. Defence Commission. — Reuter.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

MEMBERS OF THE LITTLE FLOWER CLUB ASSEMBLED IN THEIR NEW CLUB-HOUSE IN KING'S PARK LAST NIGHT FOR THEIR DELAYED CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Among the guests invited were the Rt. Rev. Bishop M. Valtorta, the Rev. Fr. A. Riganti, the Rev. Fr. R. W. Gallagher, the Rev. Fr. A. de Angeles and Miss Elvie Yuen, well-known local radio star.

In the hall was a large Christmas Tree from which presents were distributed to all members and guests.

In the course of the evening Miss Elvie Yuen entertained the gathering with a number of songs. She was accompanied by the Rev. Fr. Riganti at the piano.

GOVERNOR INDISPOSED

It was learned last evening that His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lt.-General E. F. Norton, is indisposed and under medical care.

His Excellency has been compelled to cancel his engagements for to-day, including the visit to the Fanling Golf Club, where he was to have seen the new Captain, play himself in and lunch later with the Committee.

His Excellency is suffering from fever and hopes to be well again on Monday.

AIR DEFENDERS OF LONDON



Spitfires and Hurricanes of the R.A.F. with their light-gun armament are the chief defenders of the Metropolis against enemy day bombers. Photo shows a Hurricane ascending, followed by Spitfires, climbing through the clouds to intercept an enemy formation reported heading for London. — (Copyright, Fox.)

BOMBERS DOWN TO 100 FEET IN BERLIN RAID

THE R.A.F. CONTINUED the widespread heavy attacks on enemy-occupied territory during the week ending at dawn on Friday but operations were suspended on Christmas Eve.

An aero-engine factory and other factories, railway stations, goods yards, anti-aircraft batteries, searchlights and the west harbour were attacked during a very heavy raid on Berlin. Some bombers came down to 100 feet.

Docks and petroleum works at Porto Marenara, near Venice, were raided for the first time. The flight there and back was over 1,000 miles.

Industrial and railway targets at Mannheim were raided on two successive nights, making seven raids there since the beginning of December.

Thousands of incendiaries were dropped, as well as very heavy bombs. Great fires were started, causing a big explosion at Ludwigshafen.

Norwegian Railway Hit

The Oslo-Bergen railway, which is used by the Germans for carrying supplies to Bergen port, was hit in several places. This was the second raid on the railway within four days.

Four raids were carried out on shipping and the aerodrome at Dunkirk.

Invasion Ports

In all, 23 attacks were made against the invasion ports and shipping, eight against oil and industrial targets, four against ports and inland docks, over nine against factories, railways, goods yards and so forth, and a great many on aerodromes.

Four aircraft failed to return from all operations. — Reuter.

PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

Dr. Kumataro Honda, newly-appointed Japanese Ambassador to the Nanjing regime, presented his credentials to Wang Ching-wei yesterday morning, says a Japanese report from Tokyo quoted by Reuter.



Eighteen-year-old Sergeant John Hanneh, the youngest V.C. of the war, the other day received his decoration at Buckingham Palace. Photo shows a Warrant Officer assisting Sergeant Hanneh's decoration after he had left the Palace. — (Copyright, Fox.)

THE POPE'S FIVE POINTS FOR PEACE

Eyes Now Turned Towards Future

THE "YORKSHIRE POST," COMMENTING YESTERDAY ON THE POPE'S FIVE PEACE POINTS, RECALLS HIS STATEMENT A YEAR AGO AND SAYS: "BETWEEN THESE TWO PRONOUNCEMENTS, SEPARATED BY TWELVE MONTHS OF SHATTERING EVENTS, THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE."

A year ago the Pope was chiefly concerned to emphasise the principles which the outbreak of war had violated. In this year's Christmas message the Pope turns his eyes towards the future.

He speaks, as Hitler no often boastfully speaks, of a new order for Europe. But it is soon obvious that between Hitler's new order and the Pope's a bottomless gulf is fixed.

First principle of the Pope's new order is a triumph over hatred and a renunciation thereof of systems and practices from which hatred constantly receives fresh nourishment.

In this one of Hitler's triumphs? Ask the suffering Jews and the tortured Poles, ask the prisoners in concentration camps, listen to the torrent of hatred and lies Goebbels pours out daily across the world.

Eternal Barrier

The Pope's second principle is a triumph over mistrust, which is the eternal barrier to that fidelity to the observance of facts without which it is impossible for nations to live safely together.

In October, 1933, Hitler said to Rauschning: "I am willing to sign anything. Why should one not please the other and facilitate matters for oneself by signing pacts if others believe something is thereby accomplished or regulated? Why should I not make an agreement in good faith to-day and unhesitatingly break it to-morrow if the future of the German people demands it?"

The Pope's fourth principle speaks of a triumph over the forms of conflict in the field of world economy. Here indeed is a vital task to which all countries must set themselves most earnestly after this war.

In The Dock

But Hitler dreams of accomplishing it by a method of his own. His world economy would be a world-wide system of slavery, with vassal peoples toiling for the benefit of the German master race.

The newspaper concludes that the world will say the Pope has passed sentence on certain unnamed criminals but that there is no mistaking who stands in the dock.

The five principles are principles Hitler and Mussolini have consistently defied. By the Pope's Christian standards the Dictators are decisively condemned. — British Wireless.

CHINA AIR RATES INCREASE

The Hong Kong Office of the Eurasia Aviation Corporation has announced the following revised rates of charges on parcels:

1. From Hong Kong to Kweilin or Chungking, H.K.\$6.50 per kilo.
2. To Kunming, H.K.\$8.00 per kilo.
3. To Chengtu, H.K.\$7.20 per kilo.
4. To Lanchow, H.K.\$8.70 per kilo.

It is also announced that the price for a chartered plane has also been slightly increased, from Hong Kong to Kweilin the price being H.K.\$3,000 and to Chungking H.K.\$15,000.

SHANGHAI ANXIETIES

Indicative of growing nervousness, the Japanese military authorities in Shanghai have constructed elaborate defence works around their military aerodrome at Tazang, west of Shanghai.

The measure has been taken, it is said, in order to guard the airfield against surprise attacks by guerrillas, who are becoming increasingly active. — Central News.

EGYPTIAN ARMY MOBILISATION

All officers and non-commissioned officers of the Egyptian Army due for demobilisation in January will be kept with the colours for a further six months, according to a Defence Ministry Order in Cairo yesterday, says Reuter.

ARGENTINE PROHIBITS "THE DICTATOR"

The Argentine Government has prohibited the showing of the Charlie Chaplin film "The Great Dictator," owing to representations by the Italian Ambassador, it was stated in Buenos Aires yesterday. — Reuter.

NAURU ISLAND SHELLING

The raider which shelled Nauru Island on Friday hoisted the Nazi flag before opening fire, it was revealed in Melbourne yesterday by the Australian Navy Minister, Mr. William Hughes.

Quoting reports from Nauru, Mr. Hughes said the raider apparently ascertained that no warships were present before revealing her identity.

Mr. Hughes said the raider appeared just before daybreak and signalled with a lamp in Morse: "Don't use the wireless or I will shoot the mast down. I am going to shoot at the stores and phosphate jetties."

This instruction was obeyed and the radio station has been left intact. The raider fired upon loading gear, stores and fuel tanks. Private houses were not fired upon.

Mr. Peter Fraser, the New Zealand Premier, declared yesterday that reserves of phosphates were held in New Zealand against just such a contingency as the shelling of the island.

Nauru is a big producer of phosphates.

Japanese Statement

A spokesman of the Japanese Navy Office in Tokyo yesterday said he had received no confirmation that the German raider which heavily shelled Nauru Island on Friday flew the Japanese flag, as sailed under a Japanese name.

A statement that the raider was disguised as a Japanese ship was made earlier by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies. — Reuter.

The Australian Premier, Mr. Menzies, stated his Government would take the necessary steps to confirm the report that the raider was using the Japanese flag, and would officially inform the Japanese Government. — Reuter.

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MATSUOKA'S SMOOTH WORDS

Japan's Sympathy With Difficult Position Of France

No Desire To Take Unfair Advantage!

MR. YOSUKE MATSUOKA, the Japanese Foreign Minister, yesterday voiced deep sympathy for "the difficult position of France" and disclaimed any desire to take advantage of it during the impending economic negotiations in Tokyo with the Indo-China trade delegation.

Mr. Matsuoka was addressing a gathering at a luncheon given in honour of the visiting French delegates at his official residence.

MYSTERIOUS FIRES IN NORWAY

Several mysterious fires are reported to have broken out in Norway over the Christmas holidays. There is "no explanation."—Reuter.

85,000 ATTEND TRADE FAIR

UP TO LAST NIGHT OVER 85,000 PEOPLE HAD VISITED THE CHINA PRODUCTS EXHIBITION, OPPOSITE THE PENINSULA HOTEL, WHICH WAS OPENED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT-GENERAL E. F. NORTHAM, LAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

The exhibition will remain open until Thursday night next.

Among the stalls which attracted keenest attention were the China Tea Display Shop and the China Hua Steel and Iron Manufacturing Company's exhibition.

Some 130 different kinds of China tea were on display from all parts of China, including some of the finest teas which are being exported in large quantities to the Soviet and to America.

The China Hua Steel and Iron Manufacturing Company exhibited practically everything the well-equipped soldier needs in modern warfare—various types of steel-helmets, gas-masks, shovels, pick-axes, hurricane lamps of all sizes, field water-bottles, food-carriers, and cooking utensils.

The China Hua firm is the first factory of its kind to be established in Hong Kong.

It is well-known in the Far East and is supplying nearby countries with its products.

On Friday, 52 cases of tuberculosis, three each of dysentery and measles, two each of typhoid and diphtheria, and one of cholera, were notified to the Medical Department.

The Foreign Minister promised that Japan's request would not be difficult to comply with but cited the present needs of the Japanese nation for closer cooperation with Indo-China.

Mr. Matsuoka declared: "It is not in the Japanese character to take advantage of the weakness of others to achieve one's ambitions."

"Japan is more apt to make strong demands when France is strong; however, in view of France's weakened state, Japan will not make unreasonable proposals."

Cooperation Sought

Stating that Japan aimed at the "co-existence and co-prosperity of all mankind," he expressed the hope that Indo-China would cooperate with Japan through "just and close relations, contributing thereby to East Asia's stability and prosperity."

JAPAN, MR. MATSUOKA SAID, WAS CONFRONTED WITH "INESCAPABLE REQUIREMENTS" WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

The luncheon was attended by Mr. Rene Robin, former Governor-General of Indo-China, and chief of the special delegation from Vichy; M. Charles Arsene Henry, French Ambassador to Japan and president of the mission; M. Jean Cousin, Director-General of Finance of Indo-China; M. Louis Marty, Director of the Economic Bureau of Indo-China; six other French delegates; Mr. Toshio Shikatori, adviser to Mr. Matsuoka and former Japanese Ambassador to Italy; Mr. Chuichi Onuma, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs; Mr. Hajime Matsuyama, chief of the recent Japanese mission to Indo-China, and other officials of the Japanese Foreign Office.—Reuter.

SILK THEFT AT EXHIBITION

Seen acting in a suspicious manner when leaving the China Products Exhibition on Friday night, Wan Shui, 33, was searched by a district watchman, who found a roll of silk cloth concealed underneath his long gown. Enquiries were made and it was established that accused stole the cloth from the Wah Yan Stall.

Before Mr. E. Hunsworth at Kowloon yesterday, accused pleaded guilty and admitted returning from banishment. He was sentenced to five months' hard labour.



War's terrors have not yet come to this piece of the English country side in the Lake District. A delightful and picturesque scene at Troutbeck, on the Kirkstons Pass.—(Copyright, Fox.)

FATSHAN GOING TO CANTON

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD") The s.s. Fatshan is to make a single trip to Canton on New Year's Eve, departing from Hong Kong at 7 a.m.

The agents stated yesterday: "The ship is to make only one trip at present, nothing having been arranged for the future."

The vessel, according to the Japanese modified restrictions, will be allowed to carry 300 passengers (including the crew) and will remain in quarantine for 24 hours at Canton.

Bookings may be made at Messrs. Butterfield and Swire for saloon reservations only, tickets for other classes being available at the Nam Tai Company in Des Voeux Road Central.

The fares are as follows:
Saloon Class \$24.00
Intermediate Class \$12.00
Second Class \$10.00
Third Class \$4.00

"ORPHANS OF THE STORM"

Following the appeal for Hong Kong's "Orphans of the Storm," contributed by a reader to the "Sunday Herald" last week, a further cheque for \$30 has been received "as a Christmas gift" for Miss Mildred Didden's Babies' Home at Fanning, the donors desiring to remain anonymous.

FORMOSAN TRAIN DISASTER

Over 200 are feared to have been killed and injured as result of a head-on collision between an express passenger train and a freight train which occurred shortly after 5 o'clock on Friday evening near Kyujo station, five kilometres north of Takao, says a Reuter telegram from Formosa.

JAPANESE CRUELTY IN MONGOLIA

A LONG ACCOUNT of Japanese oppression and cruelty in Inner Mongolia has been broadcast by Moscow Radio.

The broadcast, based on material in the Chinese newspaper "Sin Hua Jih Pao," said that in Suiyuan the Japanese have taken control of all trade and are exploiting the province ruthlessly.

Only those Chinese who support the Japanese can get flour. Chinese peasants are being forced to plant poppies for the Japanese opium trade.

Taxation is crushing and any signs of resistance is dealt with savagely. Nevertheless, Chinese irregulars are active.

Moscow Radio also reports that the Japanese troops have been driven back towards Nanchang, in central China, while in the north Chinese troops have carried out successful attacks on Japanese garrisons.

Chinese irregulars are giving the Japanese considerable trouble on the island of Hainan, says Moscow.—Reuter.

NAZIS ACCUSE BRAZIL

The German Radio accuses Brazil of using Italian ships which have been laid up in Brazilian ports since Italy entered the war.

According to the German Radio, the Italian ship Equinox is now on her way to a North Brazil port with a cargo of coal, escorted by a Brazilian minesweeper.

It will be recalled that a few days ago a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman said that the seizure by the United States of any Axis shipping laid up in American ports would be a war-like act.—Reuter.

CENSUS PLANS CANCELLED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD") Contrary to custom, no census of the population of Hong Kong will be taken in 1941, the "Sunday Herald" was authoritatively informed yesterday.

Hong Kong is no exception, for it is not intended that any census be taken in any of the British Colonies next year.

At first it was proposed to carry out a considerably modified method of ascertaining the population of the Colony.

This plan has, however, been dropped on instructions from London, and it is understood that no census will be taken until after the war.

CHURCH STANDS UP TO NAZIS IN HOLLAND

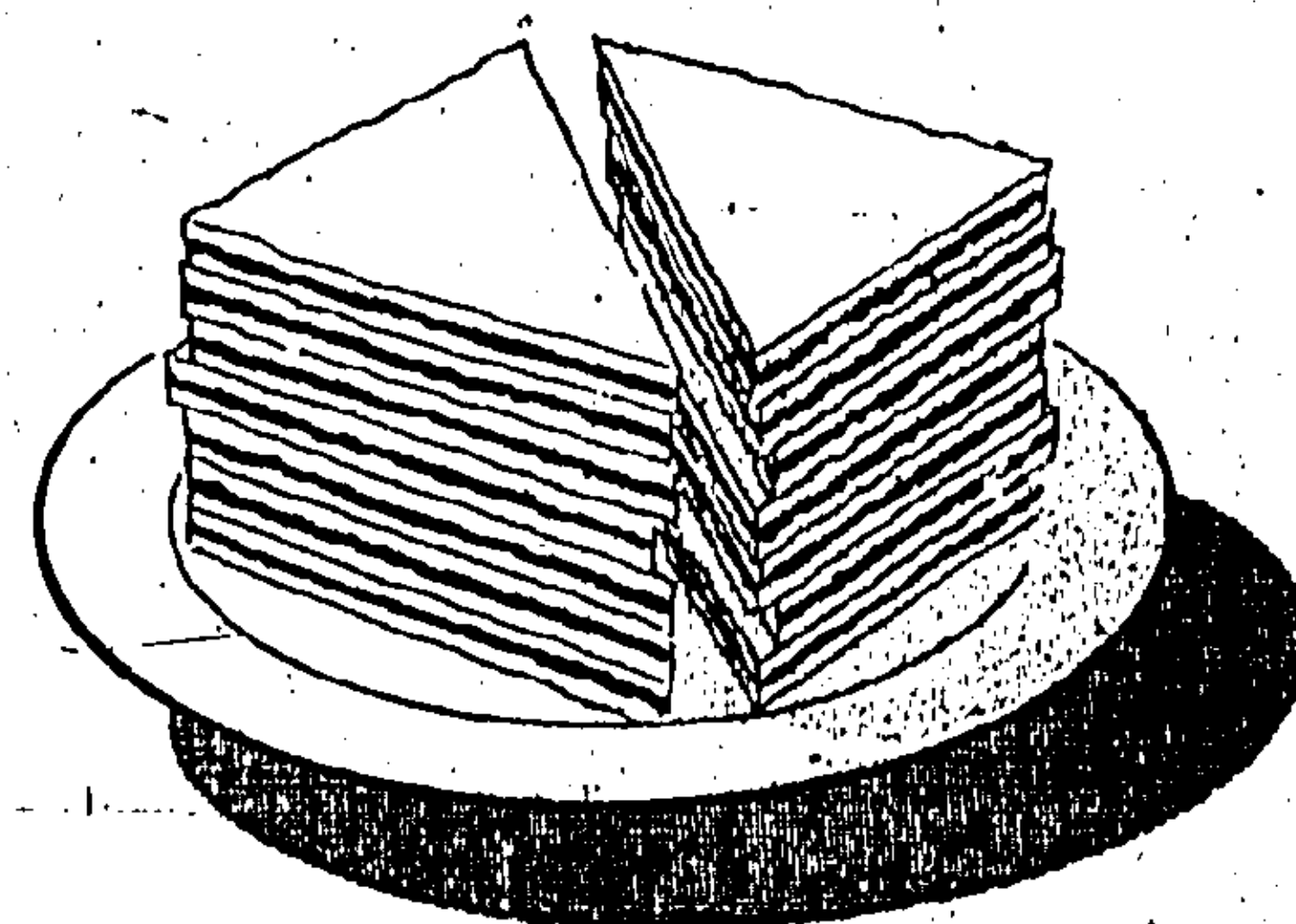
ANGERED BY the Nazi anti-Jewish laws in Holland, Protestant churchmen there have told Seyss-Inquart, Hitler's representative, that the laws are contrary to the Christian ideals of tolerance and have asked him to withdraw them.

According to the Free Dutch newspaper, the leaders of the six Protestant church groups signed the manifesto, and opposition to the anti-Jewish laws is growing.

While Seyss-Inquart is trying to prevent the display of photographs of the Royal Dutch family, the annual synod of the church has decided that the first prayer at all services will be for Queen Wilhelmina, other members of the Royal Family, and the Dutch Government.

The Free Dutch paper also reports that heavy sentences are being imposed on Dutchmen who insult the Nazis.

Thus, a man and his three sons have been sent to prison for having turned their backs on the screen at a cinema when a picture of Seyss-Inquart was shown in a newsreel.—Reuter.



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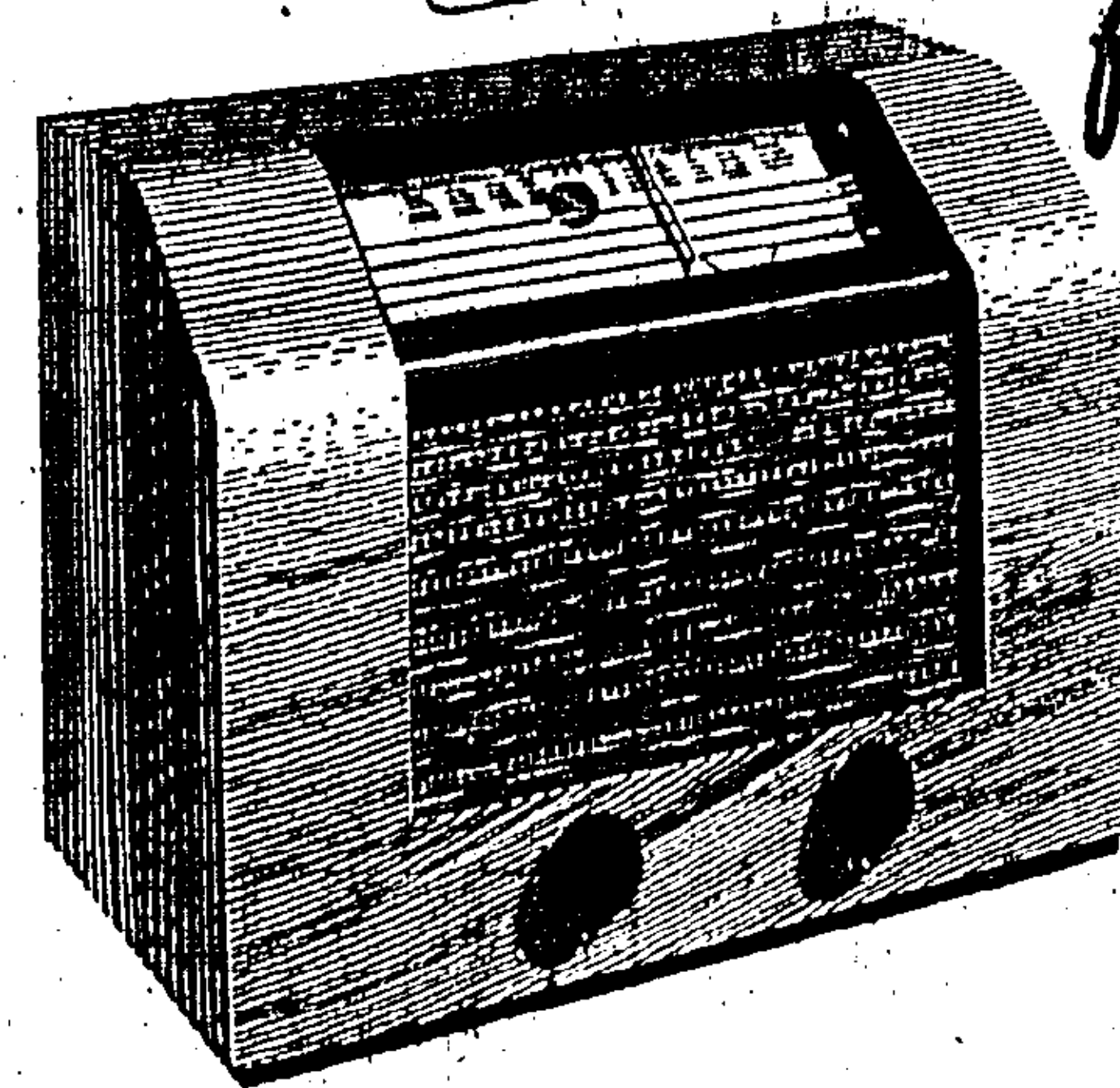
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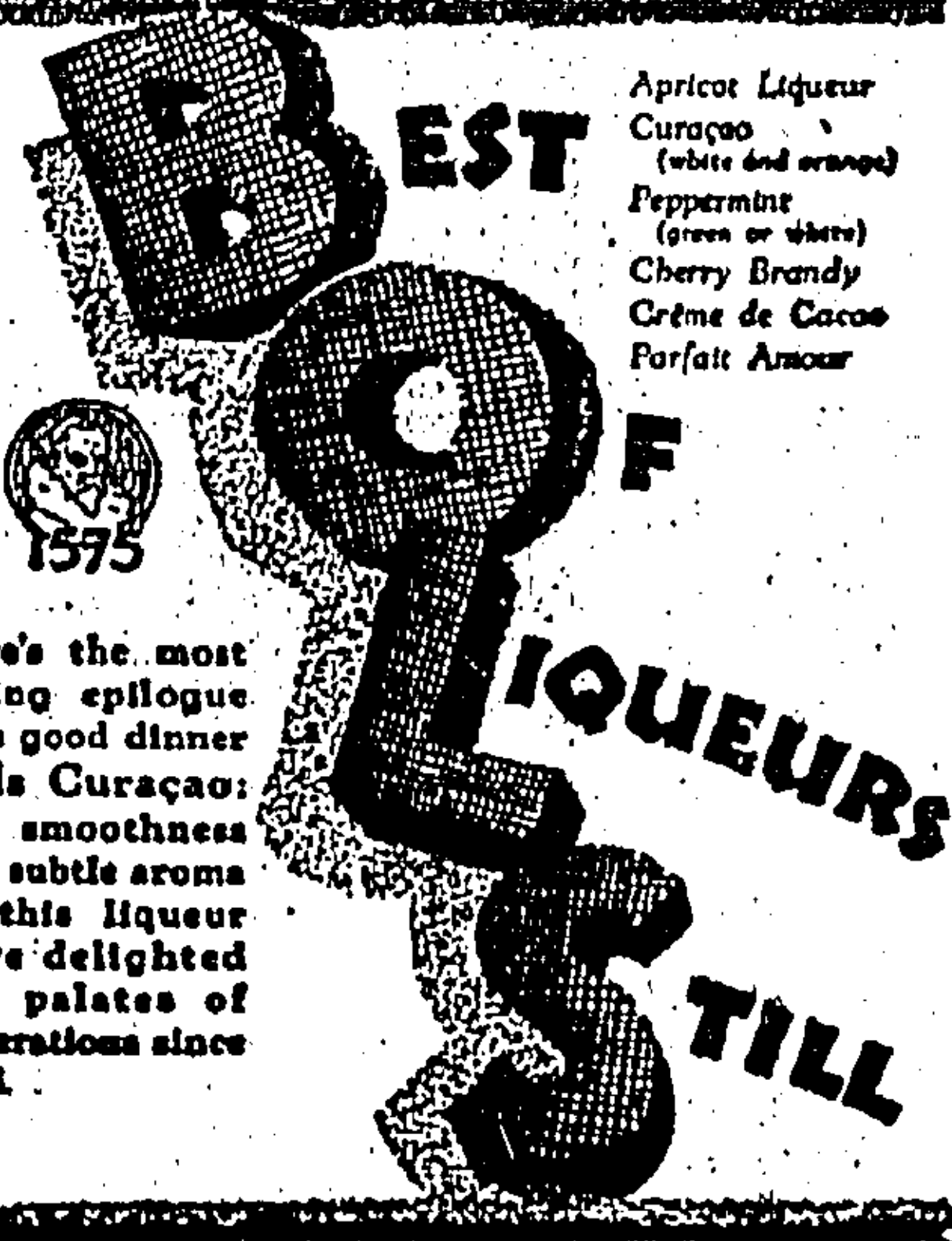
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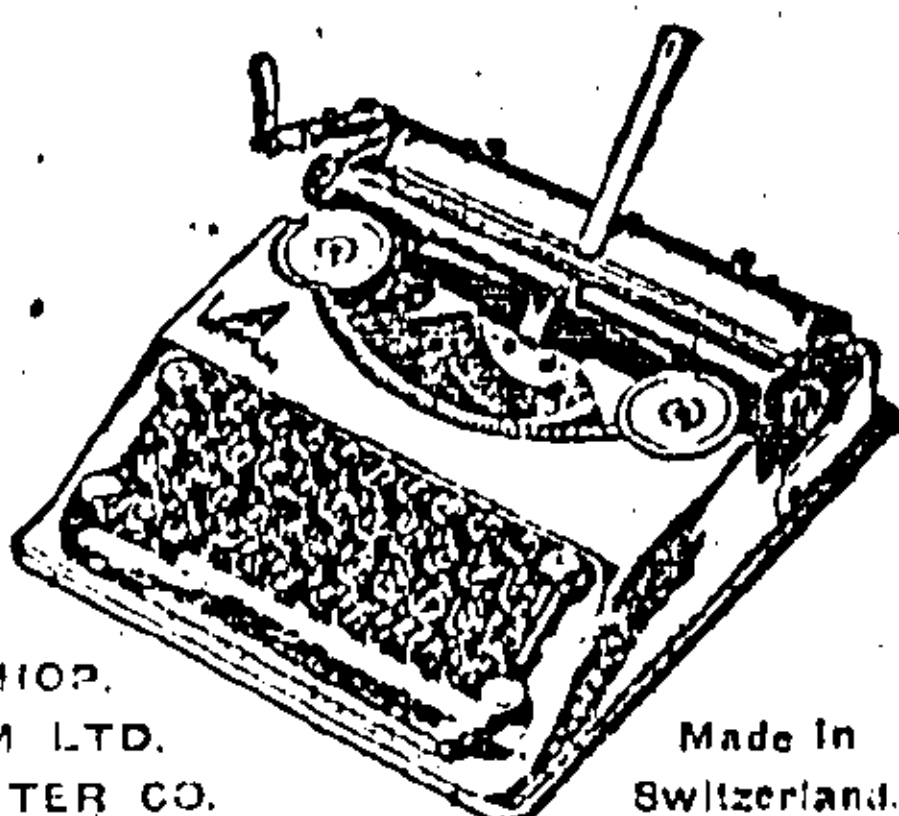
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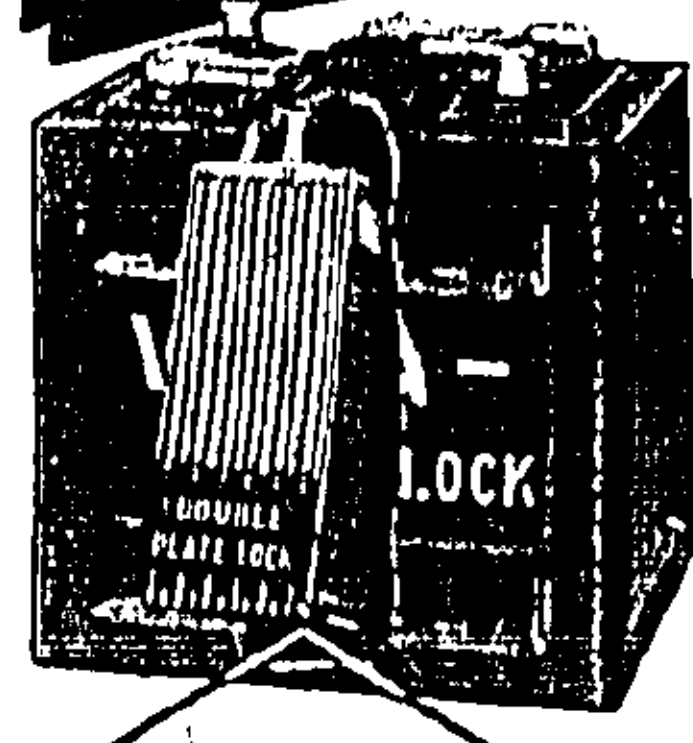
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Anniversary Amnesty Rumours

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

REPORTS THAT Government was proposing to grant an amnesty to certain prisoners to mark the centenary of Hong Kong were officially denied yesterday.

"Government has not given it a thought," stated the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, to the "Sunday Herald."

MR. D. M. BIGGAR LEAVES

With the departure from the Colony by the s.s. Pres. Coolidge yesterday of Mr. D. M. Biggar, the Colony has lost one of its most popular banking executives.

Mr. Biggar is retiring from the post of Second Vice President of the Chase Bank and plans to settle down in the West Coast of America, possibly in San Francisco.

Dave Biggar, as he was popularly known to a large circle of friends and business associates, first arrived in the Colony some 25 years ago to join the American Express Company. He remained with this firm until 1910 when he opened the Asia Banking Corporation, which carried on business until 1925 when it went into liquidation.

The same year saw Mr. Biggar as head of the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation which was later absorbed by the Chase Bank. He was popular alike with Chinese and foreign members of the banking fraternity.

In social life Mr. Biggar was equally esteemed. He was President of the American Club two years after its foundation. Mr. Biggar was in Shanghai in 1937, as relief to the Shanghai manager of the Chase Bank, when the Sino-Japanese hostilities started and it was in recognition of the fine services he rendered to the Bank during this difficult period that he was made Second Vice President.

Mrs. Biggar, who left the Colony last July, also had a large circle of friends here. She was keenly interested in the Women's International Club and other social work.

ROBBERY VICTIM

Mr. L. D'Almada, of No. 282, Prince Edward Road, has reported that during Thursday jewellery, valued at \$170, was stolen from his residence.

Mr. W. Old, resident at the Palace Hotel, has reported the theft of jewellery from his room on Friday.

According to the reports, it was intended that an amnesty should be granted to certain life and long-term prisoners, of good behaviour, some of whom were to have their sentences reduced considerably and others cancelled. The name of Cheng Kwok-yat, Singapore millionaire's son, sentenced to death for complicity in murder (later commuted to life imprisonment) was mentioned in the reports, which stated that Cheng's family had petitioned Government to include Cheng's case among those to be considered for amnesty.

Mr. Smith, however, told the "Sunday Herald" that he had seen no such petition.

THE WOMAN PAYS?

THAT HE ATTACKED YUEN KAM-SAN, 29, FOR GOING OUT WITH HIS GIRL FRIEND, WAS THE EXCUSE GIVEN BY WONG NG-TSIEN WHEN HE WAS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT BEFORE MR. E. HIMSWORTH AT KOWLOON YESTERDAY.

Accused was bound over and ordered to pay \$5 compensation. Sergeant L. A. Gordon said that the victim was hawking in Argyle Street when accused came up and asked him if he wanted a job. Accused led Yuen into an alley and there together with a friend beat him up.

Yuen was removed to hospital and detained for 11 days. He suffered the loss of two teeth.

YAUMATI BURGLAR SENTENCED

Six months' hard labour was imposed by Major A. N. Macdonald at Kowloon yesterday on Chau Kit, 30, who was charged with burglary.

Accused broke into No. 20, Shanghai Street on December 15; No. 1, Shanghai Street on Christmas Eve; and No. 33, Parkes Street on December 12. He stole some 30 pieces of clothing, a sewing machine, and \$9 from the three houses.

CAR STOLEN

Mr. H. L. Lockhart, of Belconn Road, has informed the police that between 6 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. on Friday, his car No. 2937 was stolen from the Salisbury car park.

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MONOPOLY PROPOSAL REJECTED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

The proposal to grant a monopoly to one or other firms to act as authorised agents of the Immigration Department has been rejected by Government, the "Sunday Herald" was authoritatively informed yesterday.

Black List Warning

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

"I SHALL BLACK-LIST ANY FIRM WHICH GUARANTEES PERSONS NOT KNOWN TO THEM AND ANYONE CHARGING FEES FOR THEIR 'CHOPS,'" DECLARED MR. R. A. D. FORREST, IMMIGRATION OFFICER, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE "SUNDAY HERALD" YESTERDAY.

The Immigration Officer indicated also that the same treatment will be meted out to guarantors who fail to appear when required to do so.

"Last night I had to reject 40 applications for agencies," added Mr. Forrest and said that Government has decided to impose more stringent conditions on the agencies, adding that he is keeping a close watch on the existing agencies.

Recently five agencies (including two branches of one of them) have been closed owing to malpractice, while the chops of three firms have been declared invalid by the Immigration Department.

FALL IN RICE PRICES EXPECTED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Negotiations between the Hong Kong and Thailand Governments for regular monthly supplies of rice for Hong Kong are still proceeding, Mr. C. S. Kennedy-Skipton, Controller of Food, told the "Sunday Herald" yesterday.

"There is every likelihood that the price of rice will fall and will not rise again since the new crops in Indo-China and Thailand will become available," stated the Controller of Food.

Mr. Kennedy-Skipton pointed out that yesterday morning the price fell considerably below the maximum import cost. He pointed out that at the beginning of December, the old crop was at its tail end and this caused prices to go up dangerously high, compelling Government to fix prices.

In order to fill the gap between the diminishing old crop and future supplies from the new crops, certain deteriorating Government reserved stocks have been released to local retailers only.

It is officially confirmed that the stabilised rates will be reduced if circumstances permit in the near future.

TYPEWRITER THIEF

Luk Wan, 21, described as a cameraman, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday, with stealing a Royal typewriter and clothing from room No. 312B, China Building, on December 20. Defendant was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Situation Under Close Study

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
THE RATIONING OF PETROL IN THE COLONY IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES.

Adoption of a rationing system will, however, depend largely on whether there is an appreciable reduction in consumption by the public following the recent additional 20-cent tax increase.

It had been rumoured that Government had already decided to ration petrol early next year allowing six gallons of petrol per car per month, taxi companies, transport companies and public vehicles to be granted special concessions.

These figures were, however, discounted in official quarters. In an interview with the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, the "Sunday Herald" was told that the rationing was under consideration at the moment.

Government will first observe the effect the recent additional 20-cent tax increase has on general consumption before deciding whether to enforce rationing or not.

All the additional taxation on fuel imposed since the war have been designed, primarily, to reduce the consumption of petrol to the minimum and if this method proves unsatisfactory, ration cards will have to be issued to all car owners.

BORDER RUMOUR

Rumours that 1,000 puppet troops have arrived at Shumchun, to replace Japanese soldiers are unfounded, according to reliable reports from the border.

PRINCE EDWARD ROAD INCIDENT

Charged with robbery, Mak Chung, alias Mak Ping-chung, 28, was remanded for three days by Major A. N. Macdonald at Kowloon yesterday.

Accused was alleged to have, with three others who were not arrested, dragged a woman from Prince Edward Road to a place of vacant ground and there stripped her of her belongings. The three accomplices made their escape, but accused was arrested in a snail.

NEW YEAR'S EVE TIME SIGNAL

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ON FRIDAY evening, we went along to Flagstaff House for a semi-formal press interview with Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, recently appointed Commander-in-Chief of the new Far Eastern Command. Among those present was one of Sir Robert's "star pupils" when he was Commandant of the Imperial Defence College—our own G.O.C., Major-General A. E. Grissett—a good augury for the future defence of Hong Kong!

ACCORDING to the record, Sir Robert is in his very early sixties, but like most of the leading R.A.F. men, he does not look it, his sharp eye and quick, short chuckle belokening the very active brain within. The interview he gave the press has already been fully covered, but the question-and-reply of the write-ups was unable to more than briefly indicate his enthusiasm for his new command and the keen mind which he brings to the great task of co-ordinating the defence of Britain's Empire in the Far East. Nor were the reports able to show his great personal charm and frankness of manner. His interest, too, in such subjects as the work of the Chinese Cooperatives behind the Chinese fighting lines threw another interesting light on his wide outlook.

SPECIAL interest has been aroused in his appointment, as it is the first time that such a high position has been given to an airman. Apart from the fact that this war has emphasised time and again the great value of complete co-ordination between the land and air forces, there is also the very pertinent fact that, thanks to his distinguished career in both the Army and the Air Force, Sir Robert is probably one of the best men in Britain for the post.

EDUCATED at Haileybury, Sandhurst, and the Staff College, Sir Robert entered the Army at the age of 20, joining the Oxfordshire Light Infantry (now known as the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry). In 1904, he was promoted Captain and eight years later was posted, first to the Air Battalion of the Royal Engineers and then to the Royal Flying Corps. He served throughout the World War, 1914 to 1918, ending up with the rank of Brevet Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel A.F.C. His distinctions include the Legion of Honour, Order of St. Stanislaus, the D.S.O., C.B. and C.M.G.

FROM 1921 to 1926, Sir Robert was Commandant of the Royal Air Force Staff College, while during the following two years he was Air Officer Commanding the Fighting Area Air Defences of Great Britain. Then two years as Air Officer Commanding the Iraq Command, followed by two further years as Commandant of the Imperial Defence College. From 1933 to 1937, he was Principal Air A.D.C. to His Majesty



Freddy Archer.

the King, being Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Air Defence of Great Britain, from 1933 to 1935 and Inspector-General of the R.A.F. from 1935 to 1937. In 1937, he was placed on the retired list, and was appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Kenya, a post which he held until war broke out, when he assumed a more active role again.

HIS new appointment, together with his visit of inspection to the Colony, has perhaps shown people out here that the importance of Hong Kong as a link in the Empire's chain of defence has not been overlooked. And

Home. Indeed, Sir Robert stressed the importance of Hong Kong, and said that the Cabinet, despite its natural pre-occupation with events closer at home, was keeping a very careful eye on events in the Far East.

HE was quite confident in Hong Kong's ability to withstand an attack from any quarter and emphasised that although in these days of mechanisation distances between the various parts of a Command are greater, the time taken to cover these distances is much less and prompt aid of a nature suitable to the particular "emergency" would be rendered. There are a few wisecracks in this Colony—in some circles they are called Fifth Columnists—who profess to be in the know and who suggest that there is no intention of holding Hong Kong in the event of an attack! They ought to meet Sir Robert sometime!

Notes On Christmas

SHIPPING schedules went slightly awry this Christmas, so Secret Operative No. 36 tells us. For instance, there was the Government servant who arrived at the wharveside on time . . . to find that the ship, plus his baggage, had sailed early for once. . . . he got a high official of the ship-



Nellie Field, who is appearing in "Funtety" and arranging several of the dance numbers.

ping company out of bed, despite the unearthly hour, and delivered himself of his complaint. . . . fortunately, the baggage was put over the side at the boom. . . . Then there was the young sailor-lad who missed his ship at Shanghai. . . . came on down here. . . . left the ship Christmas Day under the impression it was sailing 6 p.m. Boxing Day. . . . had a good time ashore. . . . then found the ship sailed 6 p.m. Christmas Day.

THEN there was the Indian watchman at a certain well-known wharf "Somewhere in Hong Kong". . . . who walked down the wharf at 5 a.m. and forgot to stop walking. . . . a passing seaman fished him out of the harbour. . . . but his rifle is now puzzling the denizens of the deep thereabouts. . . . And also, the lad who got home at 4 a.m. and "warned" his "valet" to call him "at six" — meaning six o'clock. . . . he awoke some time later to the accompaniment of brilliant sunshine. . . . and discovered it was 1.30 p.m. . . . the "valet" thought he meant 6 p.m. . . . All of which, by some obscure process, leads to the reflection that if all the brightly-hued ties that were bestowed this Christmas-tide were laid in three rows down the middle of Queen's Road they'd probably get trodden on.

The Conte Verde

MARINERS and others swander ing up and down the Whang-poo River, Shanghai, these days have found something else to wonder at in that winding, muddy stream. Seamen have just finished blotting out with white paint the large Italian flags on the sides of the 10,000-ton Lloyd Triestino liner Conte Verde. The "Conte Verde" has been tied up in the Whang-poo River ever since Mussolini entered the war. According to Third-Hundred Mabel, Conte's new secretary, maybe

they're getting ready to paint on the Greek flag.

Passing Through

GIVING Hong Kong the once-over after an absence of 12 years — and finding, like everyone else, that things have changed in these parts — Eugene Pingleton has just passed through the Colony in the President Coolidge. By vocation and avocation, Pingleton is a musician, linguist, lecturer, radio pioneer and world traveller. He is also an American, which may explain his versatility.

HE is a brother of the famous Michael Pingleton, who is an authority of world renown on string instruments and is the only original member left of the famous Paul Whiteman organisation. Eugene is making a round trip in the Coolidge preparatory to his return to Australia, where he is billed for several cuts next April.

The Mouths Of Babes

ONE of the most priceless little bits of comment on present day politics dropped the other day from the lips of the 5-year old daughter of a Norwegian ship's captain in Shanghai. She suddenly developed considerable curiosity in the war in Europe and cross-examined her mother on the subject. "Mother, is there no war in America?" she wanted to know. "No, dear," replied her mother. The little girl thought for a moment, then asked: — "Doesn't Hitler know where America is, mother?"

Repatee Of The Week

MR. Peakie relaxed sufficiently to ask Wan Tu, his laundryman, what he thought of the new Axis with Berlin, Rome and Tokyo. To which Wan Tu shrugged, relaxed and replied: — "Con-fucius he say — When business is good one does not take in new partners."

Search For Truth

ACCORDING to the "New Yorker," the following despatches were received one evening in the editorial office of the "Cleveland Press":—

"Bulletin: Los Angeles July 19 — (UP) — the roof of a book store on the university of southern California campus collapsed to-day showering debris on a number of students.

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Lady Fuehrer ...Uber Alles...

FRAU Gertrud Scholtz Klink exercises more authority than any other woman in the world. She holds unrestricted control over 30,000,000 German women, and is rapidly tightening her grip on 20,000,000 others now forced to live under the swastika. She has Fifth Column agents in every important city in the world. With Goering, Himmler, Hess, she is one of Germany's "Mighty Ten," writes Peter Engelmann in "The Living Age."

Frau Klink rules the lives of women in all things. She tells them how many children they must have, and when they must have them; what they shall cook, and how. What they shall say, laughing, to their husbands and sons marching to war. How they shall behave, smiling, when their men are killed. Hers is the responsibility for home spirit, the core of national morale.

Chief agency of her power is an elite corps of 30,000 zealous Nazi women—the Frauenschaft. It has a unit in every community. Each member has specialised duties—one to watch the food markets, another to edit the women's page of the local newspaper, a third to be leader of the women in a big apartment house. Below the Frauenschaft is the Frauenfront, to which every woman's organisation in Germany must belong, be it sewing circle, bridge club or literary group.

The Populating Policy

Frau Klink's major concerns are the childbed and the cockpit. Nazism needs an undiminished stream of boys to march, soldiers to die. The Nazis have a rather explicit name for this policy. *Bevolkerungspolitik*—the Populating Policy. The Women's Front imbues young girls with the belief that the most wonderful thing that can happen is to have a child. The girl who delays marrying is visited by one of the Frauenfront. What is wrong? Money? The state will lend. Not the right man? Nonsense! Germany is full of fine, blond Aryan boys.

Once the girl marries, there must children. Wives who for 18 months have not had a child are visited by shrewdly trained "social advisers." To one woman

they talk of patriotic obligation to contribute to the glory of Germany; to another, of the mystic benedictions of bounteous motherhood. Financial aid is promised. If the wife pleads ill health, or sterility, a physician is called. All the while, propaganda movies, broadsheets and books create the necessary emotional background.

Frau Klink's second task is to teach German women, via radio, newspaper, and travelling kitchen, how to cook ersatz foods, how to live on them without destroying national health. No one may publish any recipe not approved by the Frauenschaft.

Daily broadsheets tell women what to buy and what not to ask for. Each apartment house or group of cottages has a Frauenfront sub-leader who pops unexpectedly into kitchens to see what is on the stove, on pantry shelves, and above all, in garbage cans.

The story of how this wife of a little country doctor left home and husband to match wits and will with the Nazi chiefs, and emerged triumphant, is fantastic.

Frau Klink first met Hitler in 1922. Marie Diers, popular writer on women's topics, who had supported Hitler since 1927, arranged a meeting at which she and Frau Klink told Hitler they felt it a grave mistake to have no Nazi women speakers. "I abhor women politicians," barked Hitler. "In no party meeting will I allow women to talk on politics. If there are special women's meetings they shall be opened by a man. After him a woman may talk of specific women's questions."

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In just nine months she left her shabby hideout for headquarters in a 30-room villa in Berlin's smartest district. She still carefully dressed like a provincial hausfrau—that Nazi ideal of womanhood—and she brought her three little girls to live with her that all might see she is the German mother. But she demanded

wrote a long letter to Frau Diers and waited quietly at home. Lydia Gottschewsky, a skinny girl with fanatical eyes who for five years had worked with Goebbels, proclaimed herself the first leader of German women. Frau Diers also was around, and with her pretty from Kiel who, smelling opportunity, had come to Berlin to "help the Fuehrer." Soon these two began to cross Lydia; eventually they broke her. Erika herself took the shaking, hysterical Lydia to a hospital; she has not been seen since.

Sagacious From Start

That night Frau Diers sent a telegram to Gertrud Klink. "Everything arranged. Hess and I expect you at once." From the start Frau Klink was

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sagacious. She took shabby quarters in an obscure neighbourhood and announced that she would make no public statements for nine months.

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Frau Gertrud Scholtz-Klink (centre) photographed in London which she visited before the war.

and got an SS bodyguard as smart as Himmler's, a string of official cars like Goering's. She had arrived; she was powerful and wealthy.

Herr Doktor Klink kept to his village practice. Once it was suggested a job might easily be found for him in Berlin, but the Reichsfrauenfuhrerin—to give Frau Gertrud her resounding title—said a short and shocking "No!"

War has only increased the woman leader's importance; she is an essential part of the war machine. Since its outbreak, her Frauenschaft representatives have been going from house to house keeping up women's spirits.

New Instructions Each Week

Each week they get new instructions on what to say. They talk of Germany's glorious victories. "Sacrifices now are necessary to carry out the Fuehrer's plans to make Germany great, prosperous and happy. It is really all for the children! What true German mother would not give herself, her husband, or even a son, for the sake of young children's future?"

Another Frauenschaft section controls the thousands of women who took men's places in armament factories and on farms. A "social warden" in each factory is responsible for women's morale. This may mean financial help, or perhaps just friendly advice. The social warden is also a policewoman, and all tales about women workers must be brought to her. Not tales about morals; after all, people must have an outlet, a distraction from war strain. And

there is always the Populating Policy.

This influencing of women's minds does not end at Germany's borders. Before Hitler began his campaign of expansion, Frau Klink invited women leaders from other countries to view "the remarkable social progress of the German woman." Her chief lieutenant, Erika Kirmsee, showed them around. If they were very important they were allowed to meet the Fuehrer. That was amazingly effective propaganda.

"Those old women go absolutely goofy over Adolf," cynical Erika once in the early days commented to me. "I don't know what they find in him. To me, he seems always rather helpless."

The lady Fuehrer made two attempts to do foreign propaganda in person. She went to visit Lady Asquith, to win friends for appeasement, but the stiff British manners chilled her and her funny hausfrau dresses made a bad impression. Later, in Sweden, she blossomed forth in silver lame—but it went no better.

She gave up personal diplomacy but kept up her work of "collaborating" with women's organisations everywhere. Good-looking and smartly attired Nazi girls were sent on international tours. Millions of pamphlets were distributed to women in England, Scandinavia and America.

On a map in Frau Klink's office pins sprout all over Latin America—and in Chicago, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. Each pin indicates where a woman's unit has been organised.

Twenty-four hours after the Nazis invaded Denmark and Norway, Danish and Norwegian women Fifth Columnists received instructions on how to organise the women. The same thing happened in the Netherlands, Belgium and France. The plan is prepared for the whole world.

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Singapore Is Ready for Trouble

Malayan Pilots Now Being Trained

It is trouble brewing in the Far East? In the past few weeks a number of things have happened to complicate an already delicate situation.

Since Japan recently re-entered the Axis her relations with the United States, which have hardly been friendly for some time, have become rapidly more strained.

Japan Prepares

The new Japanese aggression in French Indo-China has not only red matters. Now there are reliable reports of underground Japanese activity in Thailand (which we know better by the name of Siam), and military measures are being taken on the northern border as a precaution against a possible violation of Thailand territory.

Anti-British demonstrations have been taking place in Japan or some time.

Russia can hardly be disinterested in what is happening in the East. She is reported to have been moving troops towards her eastern boundaries.

There are all the makings of a most delicate situation which

might develop into war at any moment. If someone lights the spark, are Britain and the British Empire prepared? Can Malaya and the great Singapore Base be successfully defended and continue in operation?

Obviously strong air forces would be essential. Canada has already seen the red light and has taken adequate precautions.

When Britain went to war with Germany she already possessed an important air base on her Pacific coast. Now she has revealed that she has completed another seven, from which regular reconnaissance patrols are being carried out by units of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

These bases house not only reconnaissance machines but fighters, bombers, and dive-bombers. They could operate from there to protect trade routes and to assist the British and Canadian Navies.

Malayan Strength

The huge naval base at Singapore is known throughout the world, but what is not so well known is that Singapore is also an important air base. From Alor Star in the North to Singapore in the South there is a string of well-equipped aerodromes, many of which are already occupied by units of the R.A.F. Far Eastern Command.

On Singapore Island itself there are at least four more R.A.F. stations, in addition to the vast civil aerodrome, which is large enough to accommodate hundreds of aircraft. There are several more R.A.F. bomber, reconnaissance and fighter aerodromes "up country," while throughout the Malay Peninsula more and more bases are being prepared.

Strong forces of Sunderland flying-boats and Hudson bomber-reconnaissance aircraft are already stationed at Singapore, while some of the other aerodromes are the home of Bristol Blenheims, Battles and Gladiators. The Fleet Air Arm is also represented by its general purpose machines.

Plenty Of Pilots

Flying has always been a popular hobby in Malaya, both among the Malaysians themselves and the white residents. In peace time a number of civil flying clubs existed, all with large memberships. Now their aerodromes and their aircraft are available for Service training purposes.

There is no shortage of pilots and flying crews or of ground staffs. The Malayan Government has recently opened a preliminary flying training school, for which there is a waiting list of pupils.

A technical training school is also in operation, and here skilled and semi-skilled aero-mechanics, mostly non-Europeans, but all British subjects, are learning to service the latest types of aircraft.

Self Defence

The Colony has a strong Volunteer Air Force of its own, which is steadily growing in size and efficiency. Men are learning not only to pilot machines but to serve as air gunners and navigators, so that in addition to giving invaluable help to the Royal Air Force Malaya could assist in her own defence. Already she possesses the nucleus of an independent air force.

It was announced officially recently that units of the Royal Australian Air Force had arrived at Singapore. Their flying-boats, carrying out reconnaissance flights, are already becoming a familiar sight.

Singapore also has a strong anti-aircraft defence, while the local Militia has been reinforced by the addition of British and Indian regiments, and a Home Guard unit exists in every part of the Colony.

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IN THE DARK

WE have been asked: What causes democratic nations to give moral support to one side and material support to the other? It is because the left hand knoweth not what the right hand doeth, or is it another example of the Split Mind frequently referred to in these columns?

The answer is neither. It is a case of giving precedence to a higher Principle, Christian and Pagan alike, C. of E., R.C., or Blood-and-Soil; Dem., Tot., Conf., Lib., Lab., Fasc., or Comm.—all eyes must acknowledge the principle of the Export Trade.

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We will now sing hymn No. 3 on the papers in the pew: "I'm but a stranger here, Heaven is my home."

The attention of the Yaffie Inquiry Department has been drawn to the Press statement that the Directors of the Bank of England are now holding their meetings in the vaults, and to Mr. Norman's assurance that, if necessary, further precautions will be taken "to ensure that the Bank's business will be carried on through all emergencies."

Considerable pessimism has been aroused by this assurance. People are asking how we can continue the war if the Bank of England is to carry on as usual. The following question is typical:

"In view of the fact that the Bank's normal business is to keep the country short of money until production stops, how can it carry on its usual business without causing a slump in munitions?"

The answer is that in war time economic laws are reversed. In peace, we cut down production to suit the shortage of money. In

war, we increase money to meet production.

Many reasons have been given for this preference. In the opinion of this Department, it is due to the survival of the Aibigianian heresy, which held that man and matter were wholly evil. When this heresy was persecuted out of the Church, it escaped into Economics.

What, then, is the business of the Bank in war time? Well, it has plenty to do. It has to devise means by which the enormous mass of material paid for during the war can be paid for all over again by the taxpayer after the war.

Then it has to think up arguments for getting away with it.

By YAFFLE

That is enough to keep it busy for years.

An Australian correspondent asks: "What are the further precautions envisaged? Does Mr. Norman mean digging down still further, if so, how far? The question is pertinent, for if they dig far enough they might come out in Australia."

This, he says, would be serious. Australia has had visits from Bank of England directors before. The last one was Sir Otto Niemeyer, in 1929, and when he left he took half their wages with him, and ended it saving the country from chaos.

The questioner concludes: "If a banker digs through from London to Australia, will he come out head first or feet first?"

We can assure our correspondent that it is very difficult to dig down further than the middle of the earth. For when you get to

the middle there is no more downwards; from that point, every direction is upwards. Therefore, as soon as a man began to dig past the middle he would find himself downwards, and the earth he displaced would start falling on his face.

This would be very disconcerting. For the moment he would think the ground was shooting up at him, and his first reaction would probably be to decide to give up the drink.

Sooner or later, however, he would realise that every step further would take him nearer the surface, and he would see no point in continuing. In the present phase of scientific progress, it is inconceivable that any man, having reached the point furthest from the blue vault of heaven, would wish to leave it.

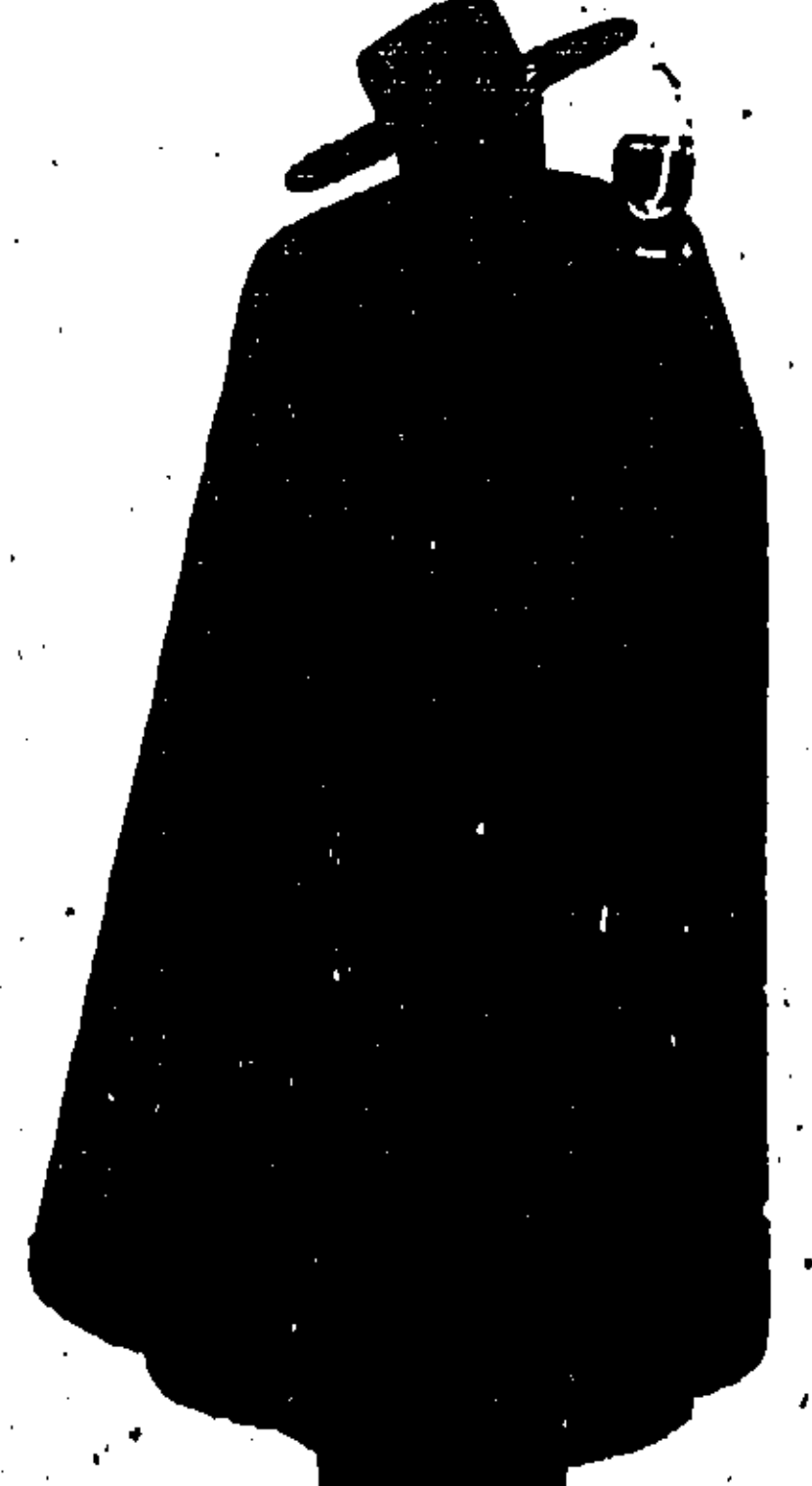
Moreover, the Bank of England directors are accustomed to being in dark tunnels. Eight years ago this month, when the Nation was looking to them for a way out of the slump, Mr. Norman made a speech at the Mansion House, in which he said:

"The economic problem is too great for me. The difficulties are so vast, precedents so lacking... When it comes to the future we may all see and approach the light at the end of the tunnel."

If he did see a light at the end of it now, he would probably conclude it was only a bomb, and decide to stay in the dark a few more years.

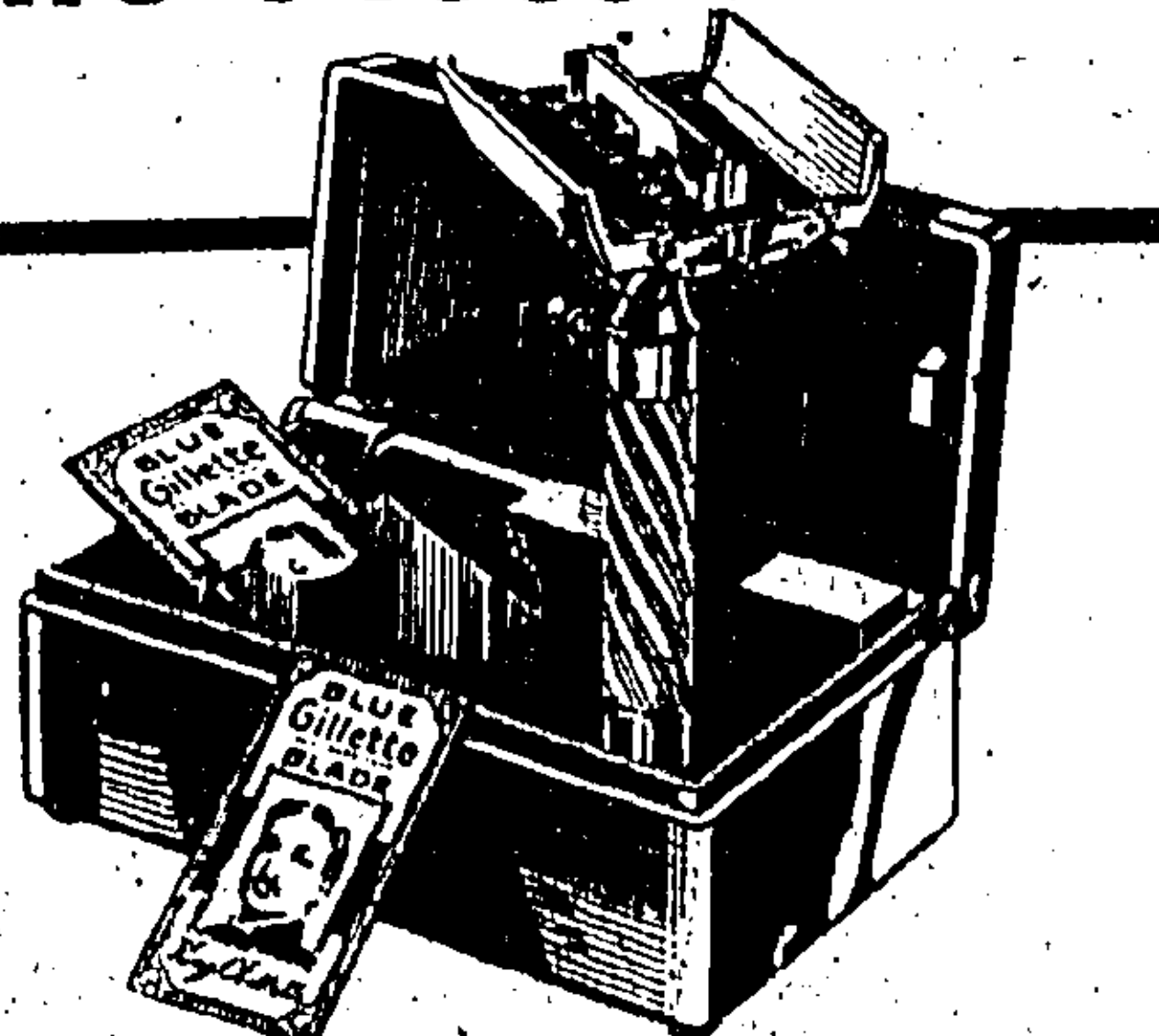
Nevertheless, people do not always know when they are well off. We would, therefore, repeat that if, for any obscure reason, the directors of the Bank of England do tunnel through to the other side, they will have travelled at least half the journey in an upward direction and will emerge head first.

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THE DECISIVE YEAR

At midnight on Tuesday we pass from 1940, one of the most momentous years in history, into 1941, which, ere it opens, carries all the hall-marks of the decisive year of the war. For the sober-minded it cannot be an occasion for undue rejoicing or enthusiasm. If the heavy trials and stern stresses of the past twelve months, the miasmas of defeatism and gloom succeeded by waves of excessive optimism which did not long survive, enable us to witness the passing of the old year without tinge of regret, there is no absolute assurance yet that the change of the calendar will bring final triumph, though there may be solid grounds for comfort. If we think back to the black days of May and June, when the world seemed to be crashing about us, when the doubters and waverers were seeking to make their terms with the conqueror of Denmark, Norway, Holland and Belgium, and we were faced with the lamentable capitulation of France, our position to-day takes on the proportion of a miraculous achievement. Those were days when the dice seemed so heavily loaded against us that there were pardonable intimations of dark doubt as to whether the magnificence of Britain's rally to Mr. Churchill's offer of sweat and blood and tears would suffice to stem the tide. Blows to our cause and our reputation were falling in quick succession; and they were not so few that we could stand up to many more. Our enemies made much of their triumphs, propaganda magnified the sound, and those who did not understand the patient intention of the British mind in these matters were, possibly, too much impressed. In that period of grievous peril, culminating in the first great Battle of Britain, (when the fighter pilots of the Royal Air Force so richly earned that now famous tribute from the Prime Minister: "Never in history have so many owed so much to so few") the mercury of feeling wobbled like the needle of a sensitive galvanometer which records in a sweeping motion changes of current so slight in themselves as to be negligible. Yet Britain stands firm to-day, "an island against Chaos and the Devil added," not merely having thrust down the throat of Hitler his Buckingham Palace boast, but immensely more powerful, visibly more determined and united than ever before.

Morcover, since the moment of Hitler's first serious reverse, the lights have increasingly gained ascendancy over the shadows. The Greeks rose to rout the Italian invader, Sir Andrew Cunningham's fleet in the Mediterranean smashed half the Italian battleship strength in Taranto Harbour and established an unshakeable supremacy, the Near East drive of the Axis came to an abrupt, humiliating standstill, rebellion among the French seemed to be stirring, the ending of the Presidential Election campaign in the United States brought promise of the release of America's full energies for aid to Britain, and, as a Christmas present of the first order, General Wavell struck his deadly blow in the Western Desert, smashing the Italian armies and ending the long menace to the valley of the Nile. If, however, there has been nothing in tonnage losses and heavy raid damage to change optimism to despair, if indications are that the future looks brighter, the stubborn fact remains that Britain is engaged in a desperate struggle—and it is desperate, and we are reaching the cross-roads of our destiny. Invasion has still to be faced. And if there is one lesson to be drawn from the Flanders campaign and Sedan, it is that this man of lawless unscrupulous malevolence is a master of strategy, and that when Hitler elects to strike, we must be prepared for dark tidings before the air clears. If we reach the year's end with the situation too hopeful for defeatism, it is, at the same moment, too serious for complacency.

It would add to clarity of thought if we would cease speaking of the "European war." The "New Order" which Axis arms are busy forging is a new world order, or it is nothing. The Germans themselves do not speak of "Europe." They speak of Eurasia and Eurasia.

I often think we are deluded by the sort of maps we usually see. Europe is not a continent; it is a peninsula of Asia. Africa is far more intimately joined to this peninsula than South America is to North America. The Mediterranean, the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf no more separate Africa and Asia from Europe than the Great Lakes separate us from Canada. The whole of Africa is in the hands of European powers; a defeat of Britain would put it wholly in the hands of Germany and Italy.

However unwillingly, Russia is part of the Axis and her gains in the East have been quite futile. True, she has acquired 25,000,000 additional population and a considerable amount of acreage by her absorption of the small Baltic countries and her partial conquest of Finland, but the German absorption of Scandinavia, Denmark and Norway, Poland, and Sweden by domination—render these gains useless. Russia is now locked up in the Baltic and Hitler has the key.

So, too, the acquisition of Bessarabia and the Bukovina from Rumania by Russia has only been paralleled by the arrival of the Germans on the Black Sea. Hungary, joining the Axis—a decision forced upon her—only indicates that Germany plans to push forward very soon into the Near East.

In the Eastern Hemisphere, the most important oceanic points are held by Britain: South Africa, India, Australia, the British Isles themselves. A navy denying them, provisioning the beleaguered British Isles must now try to defeat these too, if Japan can be brought in.

This arrangement will be pushed by Hitler against Japan will move then against Dutch, French, British and American possessions; Russia can be temporarily compensated by being offered some portion of the dismembered British Empire—Iran, where Britain has had a sphere of influence, perhaps India. There is a lot of British Empire to be thrown at prizes to those who will play the German game.

Thus, all the world except the Western Hemisphere is already included in the "New Order" that Hitler and his henchmen are mapping out and mopping up—the whole population of the world is involved except the relatively small number of people who inhabit the Western Hemisphere.

It all this seems apocalyptic, one can only insist that the new Nazi

Battle Of Ideas:

WHAT PRICE VICTORY?

If what happened in the last war can be called orthodox finance, it succeeded all right, but only by driving up prices threefold and inflicting grievous hardship on pensioners and other people, while enormous profits accrued to certain sections.

The orthodox methods on that occasion were a combination of taxation, borrowing, and inflation, and the same methods are being employed to-day.

Last time they succeeded mainly because people did not understand the processes, although they felt the results. The working-classes, for example, knew that prices were going up, but finance was a matter for the elect, and a Government was always able to blame the profiteers and declare itself innocent.

Now the workers know how to watch the cost of living index, and are determined that it shall not rise exclusively at the expense of old age pensioners and people with small fixed incomes. It is to be hoped that they also know that the Government in whom they have given full powers, is solely responsible for the financial conduct of the war.

What should orthodox finance mean? That every penny the Government is a £ less spent by private individuals. If that could be achieved there would be no danger of inflation.

Let us suppose that with full activity the people of this country could produce £7,000 million worth of goods at prewar prices. Then, if the Government's war Budget totalled £5,500 million, it would have to take away half the people's income.

It could do this by taxation. When Chancellors of the Exchequer and other pundits say that the cost of the war could not possibly be met by taxation, they are either talking in a special sense or they are talking nonsense.

About 331,000,000 live in North and South America, as contrasted with 1,795,520,000 inhabitants of the Eastern Hemisphere. The population of the Eastern Hemisphere outnumbered that of the Western by more than five to one.

A contemplation of the map, of population factors, of the relative resources of the two major areas of the actual number of fighting men, reveals how pitifully weak and isolated the Western Hemisphere would be in a "New Order" of planned and integrated economies and armies and navies—immense land and sea power.

Such a "New Order" will certainly not leave the Western Hemisphere undisturbed. For one thing, population pressure will be in this direction. The Axis powers have no hesitation in moving around populations by the tens and hundreds of thousands. Hitler has already dumped a half-dozen and fifty thousand Germans—political or racial "undesirables"—upon the rest of the world; he has moved uncounted thousands of Europeans from their homes—Austrians to Poland, and Poles to concentrated Polish areas, or sent labour to Germany, Lorraine inhabitants to other parts of France, Baltic Germans to Poland, German to France.

The Eastern Hemisphere is a teeming hemisphere, and Axis policy is to unsettle and re-settle populations according to racial, economic, or administrative considerations. Spain will be used to re-establish herself, with Axis intervention in South America.

And the cry of "Have-not" nations will turn into a cry of "Have-not" hemispheres. Just as Nazi claims rest on the thesis that eighty million Germans have not enough of our habits, ideas or ways of life intact, except by an effort beyond our means, as we conceive our means at present, an effort that will cost sweat and pain, and sacrifice, and probably blood.

We shall not survive the twentieth century as a free people with any of our habits, ideas or ways of life intact, except by an effort beyond our means, as we conceive our means at present, an effort that will cost sweat and pain, and sacrifice, and probably blood.

There was no miracle, and there will be none, except as we make the miracle, by superhuman effort.

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EUROPEAN WAR IS A MISNOMER

What Nazis mean By New Order

By
DOROTHY
THOMPSON

order is apocalyptic. And it only requires that defeat of Britain to make the vision very real.

The United States has only begun to stir in its sleep. The average American is still quite unable to imagine a totally different world order from the one in which he has lived since the birth of this nation. He is quite unable to imagine that the right of this people to live, as it has, right here on this soil, will certainly be challenged if Britain falls, and that the dream of holding the Western Hemisphere, in toto, in such a reorganised world is pure myth.

To protect ourselves we, like the Germans, would have to turn this country into a new Sparta—a race of soldiers and administrators—totally abandoned, and abandoned for an unforeseeable future, the comfort-loving world and pleasure-economy standards in which we have been reared; prepare to lose liberalism forever; make ourselves over from start to finish. We would be watching ramparts and doing very little else.

In the face of what is happening in the world, our old to Britain, our preparations for our own defence, and our whole psychological conditioning are totally inadequate. Germany is getting more from France in a single day—in the matter of food and materials and war equipment—than Britain is getting from this country in a month. Our timidity leads us to such utterly unrealistic phrases as "measures short of war."

In this world no nation will, in the long run, be able to survive by measures short of anything except the most complete effort. That effort must be an integrated effort, and not, as it is at present, a largely haphazard one. If we do not intend to live in the world of the Axis terms, we must decide for ourselves on what terms we do intend to live, and then prepare to secure those terms for ourselves and for many others as we can find, by any and all measures that we, as a people, can command.

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THIS WEEK

Only one thing was lacking to round off the comfortable Christmas feeling, whether induced by turkey and plum pudding, by Mussolini's new head or by the continued lull on the main war front. We needed a diagnosis of Hitler's thoughts as he stood on Christmas Day at Boulogne and looked across at the white cliffs of Kent, flashing their message of thud in the December sunning. It would have been symbolically appropriate, and warning to the cockles, to have been assured that his first glimpse of Britain's shores just before lunch roused a disturbing feeling of acute indignation. He certainly got his senses mixed, or unwittingly gave opportunity for a neat twist when in addressing German troops he said: "Before us (across the Channel?) lies freedom; behind us (in Nazi Germany?) are bitter experiences."

An Uneventful Week

In importance, the incident was a measure with the news as a whole. It has been an uneventful week. There have been some stirring speeches, by the King, the Prime Minister and the Pope. An article by a Japanese military spokesman caused mild sensation by the bold frankness of the confession that Japan finds herself on a dangerous wicket. Marshal Pétain found himself a new boldness. But in the field of action, in the language of the military communiqué, there has been little of importance to report. Bad weather conditions continue to retard the progress of the Greek operations in Albania, and in the Western Desert, the Bardia plum is still in the ripening process.

Sobering Up?

The neat summary of Japan's military and diplomatic position for which Colonel Mabuchi, Chief of the Army Press Section, was responsible, could not have been more convincingly expressed had it emanated from Churchill, London or Washington. It represents the first sign—assuming it may be taken at face value—that the new-found prudence noted in Japanese political quarters is not being confined to words, and that events are having a sobering effect on the Japanese military, who for years past have had far greater influence in determining Japanese policy than the diplomats.

Colonel Mabuchi dismissed Mr. Matsuoka's Axis-Tokyo Alliance as of equal value in Tokyo and Berlin, as a piece of waste paper. He saw no very out of the China morass, and credited those who have rallied to the banner of "China-Kia-shieh" as the cream of the Chinese people with a flaming love of their country.

The Nigger In The Woodpile?

The whole performance was so remarkable in its frankness as to arouse suspicion whether it were not more wisely interpreted as an unusually elaborate piece of camouflage. Opinion in Japan has plainly been disconcerted by the Anthony Eden reference to the Foreign Office and Viceroy. Crispborne has been given a pericope in his own right in order that he may represent the Foreign Office in the House of Lords. Surprise was elevation of Captain Margeson, Conservative Chief Whip, as Secretary of State for War. A little is known of him as regards his potentialities as a statesman in high office, that the best Reuter's diplomatic correspondent could conjure was a hint at his reputation as a disciplinarian. In this case, Mr. Churchill's flair for pick the right man for the right job at the right time has to be trusted.

Another Cabinet Reshuffle

Mr Churchill's Cabinet underwent a further change with the decision to appoint the Foreign Minister, Lord Halifax, to be Ambassador in Washington. Mr. Anthony Eden related to the Foreign Office and Viceroy. Crispborne has been given a pericope in his own right in order that he may represent the Foreign Office in the House of Lords. Surprise was elevation of Captain Margeson, Conservative Chief Whip, as Secretary of State for War. A little is known of him as regards his potentialities as a statesman in high office, that the best Reuter's diplomatic correspondent could conjure was a hint at his reputation as a disciplinarian. In this case, Mr. Churchill's flair for pick the right man for the right job at the right time has to be trusted.

"It Came Away In Mo 'And"

Puzzle of the week was it Duce's purpose in publishing Marshal Graziani's explanation of the rout of his army in Egypt. Apparently intended to appease the shock of disaster, the bewilderment of the Italian people must have been intensified. Graziani insisted that General Wavell's offensive did not take him by surprise. On the contrary, the blow came a week before Graziani planned his own stroke which was to end with the capture of Egypt as far as Alexandria. The Italian Army was set for action. It was beaten not because British strategy caught it out on a limb, but because of the superiority of the British armoured units. Even so, a retreat in good order which costs 35,000 prisoners and leaves 35,000 trapped in Bardia, leaves something in the Graziani despatch lacking something in lucidity.

Standing Up To Hitler

Vichy developments gain in interest. It seems quite certain now that Marshal Pétain flatly rejected German demands for a reshuffle of his Cabinet and the restoration to dominant position of M. Laval. It seems equally clear, too, that Germany's bluff has been called and Hitler is not disposed, for the moment, to press the point. Marshal Pétain's confidence seems to have been obtained from two sources: a discreet tour by trusted emissaries to test feeling in Syria and the African colonies and the picking of the Mussolini bubble in Greece and Egypt. Hitler's rainedies for Vichy's defiance are strictly limited; and the wrong step would leave his position worse than his first. The surviving units of the French Navy remain the heaviest volition in the realm.

SCRUTATOR.

ARCTIC FROSTS IN EUROPE

Ice-Blocks Jamming Danube: Suspension Of Navigation

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

EUROPE'S WEATHER HAS REACHED ALMOST ARCTIC TEMPERATURES IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, WHILE OFF THE AFRICAN COAST A SEVERE GALE HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE. THE COLD WAVE IS ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED, RUMANIA AND HUNGARY BEING WORST HIT.

Navigation has been suspended on the Danube and huge ice-blocks are jamming the river, while the Danubian estuary in the Black Sea is blocked and many ships are held up.

The cold wave also had political consequences, one effect being to cause the postponement of the weekly Council of Ministers in Budapest.

Reason was that most of the Ministers were in bed with a severe attack of influenza. The Premier, Count Paul Teleki, was among the victims, and the Foreign Minister, Count Czakay, is another sufferer.

Starving Wolves

Spain is experiencing its worst cold wave for many years. In Segovia Province the temperature is as low as 20 degrees Centigrade.

In the mountains of Leon Province shepherds were compelled to form armed bands to fight packs of starving wolves which entered villages and attacked cattle.

Casablanca Gale

In Africa, a violent gale is raging off the coast of Morocco and much damage has been caused, especially in the Casablanca region.

At least two have been killed in Casablanca. The victims were blown high into the air by the colossal wind. — International News Service.

NEW STEPS BY MR. DE VALERA

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Eire yesterday took new preparedness steps to defend her neutrality in the face of British restrictions on Irish trade and the suddenly increased attentions of the belligerent powers toward her.

The de Valera Government has now imposed severe limitations on the distribution of gasoline "owing to unforeseen difficulties in connection with the maintenance of supply."

Meanwhile the Government has prepared the incorporation of Eire's Local Security Force into the regular army on January 1. — International News Service.



Repairs have already begun on St. Paul's Cathedral which was bombed during the recent raids on London. Photo shows men at work on the damaged roof. Roof spotters can be seen left of picture. (Copyright Fox.)

REVOLT GROWING IN ABYSSINIA

The revolt against the Italians in Abyssinia is growing.

Rebel leaders have arrived in Kenya to see about getting further assistance and tell of attacks on Italian convoys and outposts.

Rebel bands are patrolling increasingly large areas and small bodies of Italians travel on the roads outside towns at their peril. — Reuter.

NEW SERIES OF NAZI THREATS TO AMERICA

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

THE WARNING THAT AMERICAN SHIPS WILL BE SUNK IF THEY VENTURE INTO IRISH WATERS, AND THAT THE UNITED STATES MAY RISK WAR IF SHE SENDS VESSELS TO IRISH PORTS TO AID BRITAIN, IS THE KEYNOTE IN THE NEW GERMAN PRESS OUTBURST AGAINST WASHINGTON.

The officially-inspired admonition stressing that waters around Eire are embraced in Germany's "total blockade" zone, was given added weight by the "Voelkischer Beobachter," Hitler's mouthpiece.

Work of Dutch Navy

Some details of the part played by the Royal Netherlands Navy have been given in London by a Dutch naval officer.

The two Dutch cruisers which took Princess Juliana and her children to Canada later did useful work conveying important transports in the Atlantic.

These and others have roamed the seas and done a lot of extremely valuable work. One of them intercepted and captured the German ship Rheln in West Indian waters recently.

Dutch minelayers and sweepers, too, have done a lot of good work, one job in particular gaining the captain and crew the congratula-

Coming after last Saturday's official German warning that the salute of Axis ships in American ports would be deemed a "war-like act," this new series of Nazi admonitions to the United States was prompted by reports from unidentified New York sources reaching Berlin.

These reports said that President Roosevelt contemplated a proposal suggested by Britain to designate Irish ports as neutral and thus open to American ships.

Not Only Risks

Nazi editorial warnings stressed that ship sinkings would not be the only risks involved in sending vessels to Eire, which Hitler included in his proclamation of a "total blockade" months ago. — International News Service.

tions of the First Lord of the Admiralty.

Dutch submarines have been operating with the British Navy in many waters, performing many deeds of valor and endurance which, for the present, must remain secret.

The Dutch Fleet Air Arm has assisted in the protection of convoys and in the hunting down of submarines. — Reuter.

U.S. TANKER SUNK

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD") The Standard Oil of New Jersey revealed in New York yesterday that the tanker "Charles Pratt" was sunk on December 21 off western Africa.

The announcement adds the ship was sunk "in an undisclosed manner," but it is presumed to have fallen victim to a Nazi submarine or surface raider.

Twenty-two American seamen were drowned in the sinking, in which a cargo of 6,000,000 gallons of fuel oil was lost. — International News Service.

TELEKI RUMOUR

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

The resignation of the Hungarian Premier, Count Paul Teleki, was reported yesterday in a Rome radio broadcast heard in London.

No details were given but London political circles promptly linked the report with the recent large-scale German troop movements through Hungary into Rumania.

It is presumed the resignation was a protest against this use of the Hungarian railways. — International News Service.



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This is one of a number of recommendations by Lord Horder's committee, which yesterday issued its findings in the form of a White Paper.

The committee recommends that arrangements should be made to admit to hospital immediately all cases of open tuberculosis using the public shelters.

If necessary, there should be compulsory powers to effect this. As far as possible, each tuberculosis family should have a family shelter and given priority in the getting of Anderson or other form of shelter.

Orders have been placed for a large number of cellophane masks to be used to reduce the spread of infection in shelters used by the public for sleeping in. — Reuter.



A picture taken after another London hospital had been bombed. Here is the damaged wing. (Copyright Fox.)

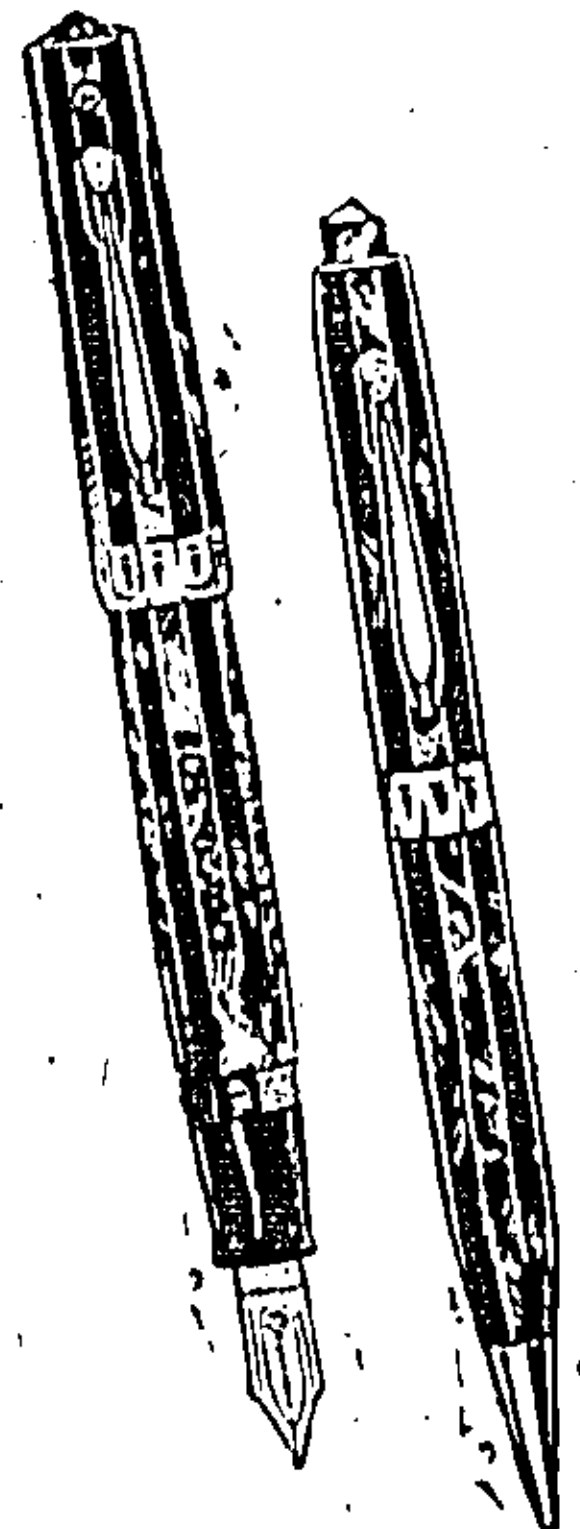


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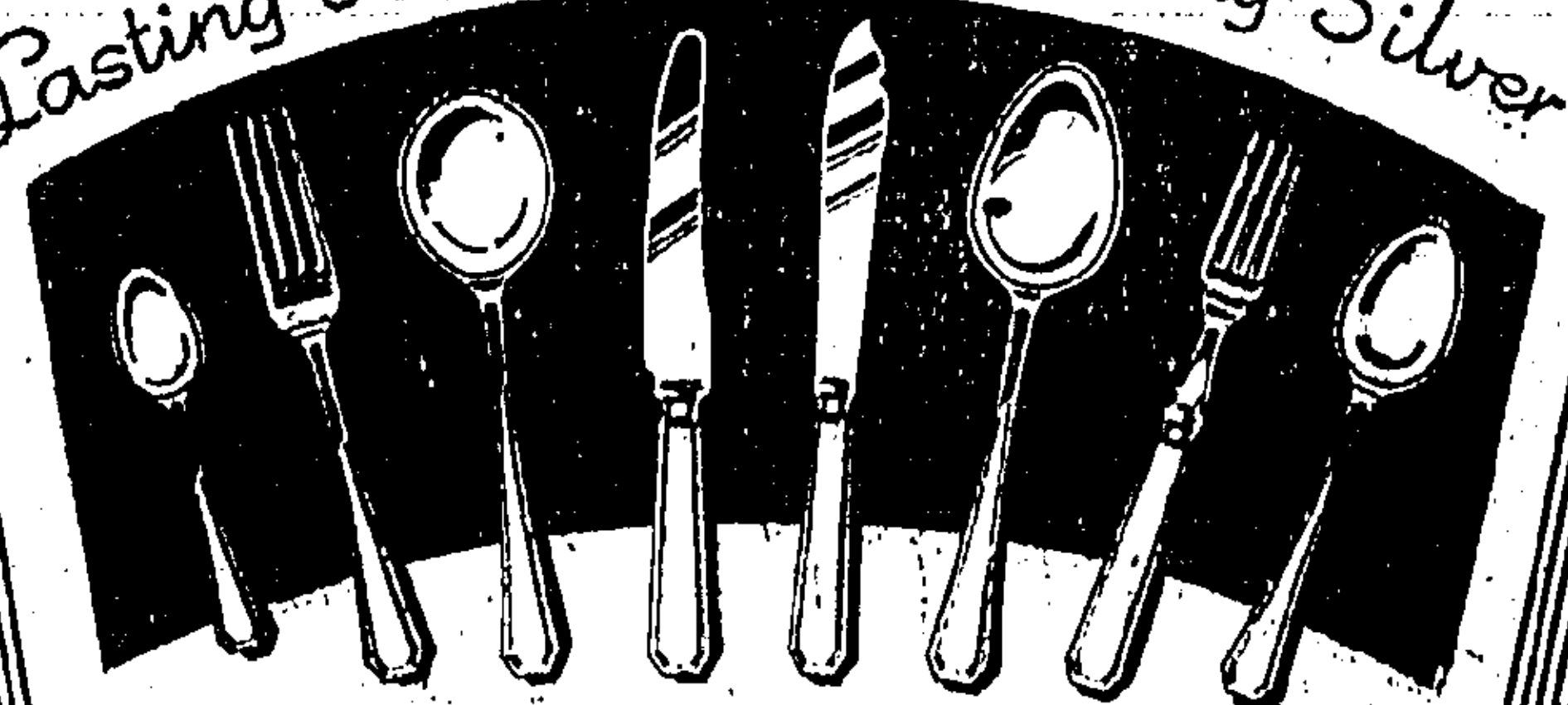
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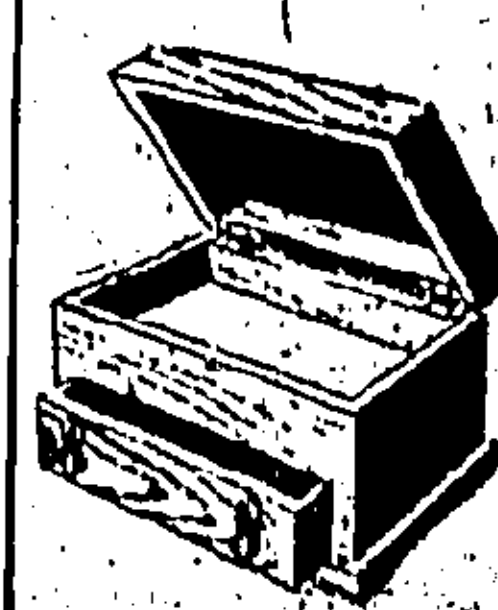
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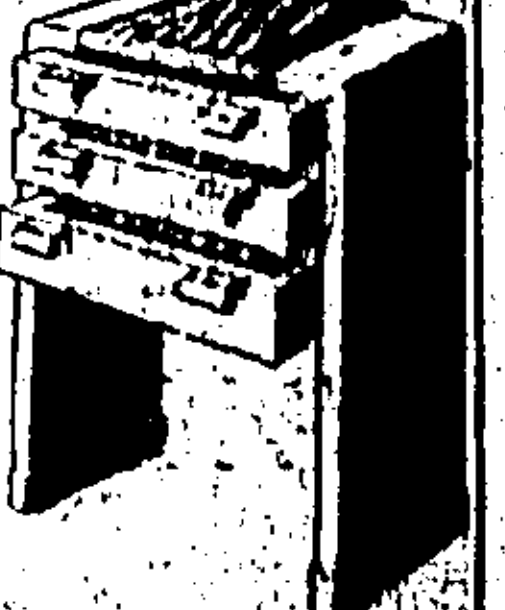
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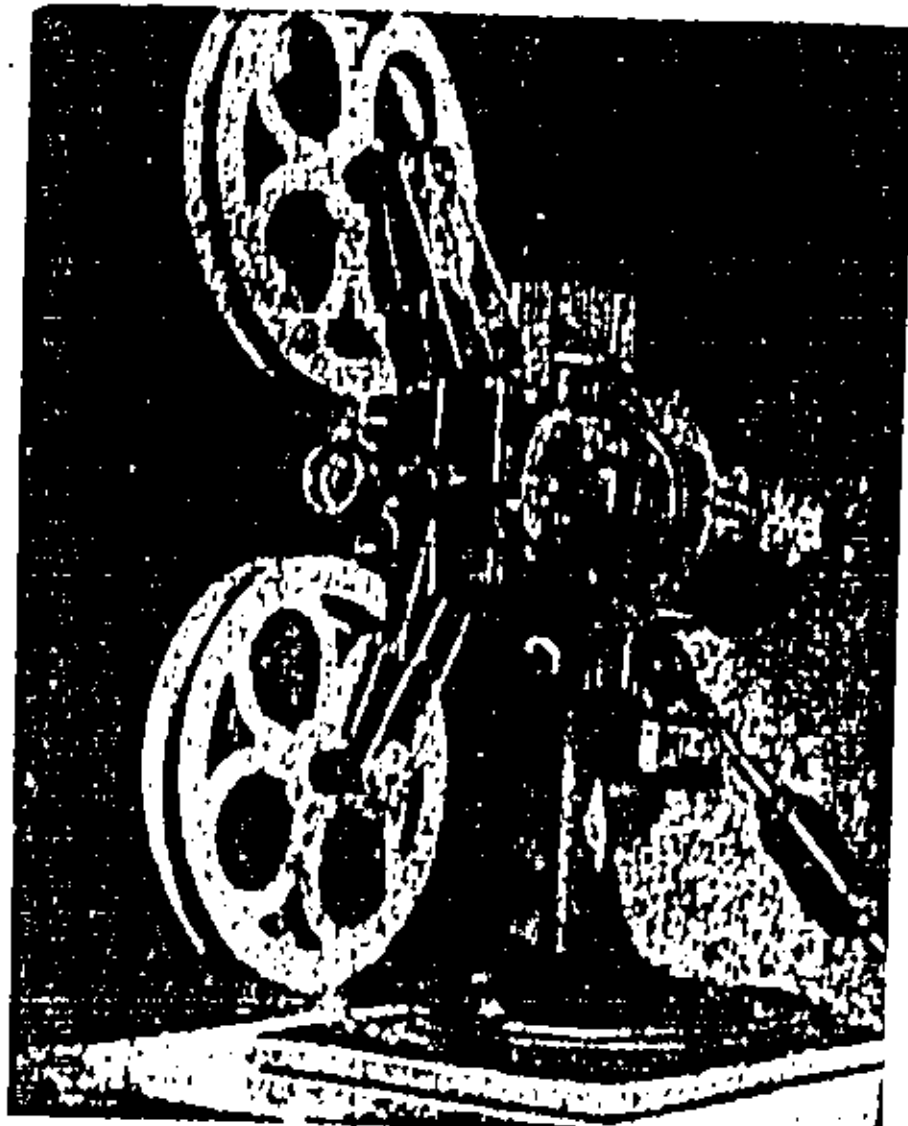


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ONE AUGUST IN THE RED SEA

SHORT STORY

As I came into the club the other day they were talking of elephants. Much more sagacious than dogs, they were saying. Well, it doesn't really matter what they were saying, as none of it was new, or even out of the ordinary. "But they remember an injury for ages," said another of them. "Revengeful beasts," said another. And gradually from then on, the elephant began to lose, so far as the Billiards Club is concerned, his reputation for intellect, in exchange for one of long and revengeful brooding.

And that is how it would have been left but for Jorkens, and distinctly unfair to the elephant. But Jorkens broke in on a tale of long-brooded revenge over some trifling matter of a bad orange, with the words: "That's nothing to men."

"Men?" we said, surprised at such a comparison.

"Yes," said Jorkens. "Nothing to the way they'll brood and revenge themselves."

We didn't think humanity was as petty as all that. Why, to be humane means the very opposite of all that sort of thing. And so we said. And Jorkens, to prove his point, said: "I knew a man once, a Greek, who thought he was laughed at or slighted. And he planned for two years to fool the man that had made a fool of him; and at the end of that time he did it, and it must have cost him thousands and thousands. What do you think of that? Would an elephant spend all that time and money over such a trifle? No, it takes a man to be such a damned fool as that."

"But what did he do?" we asked.

"I'll tell you," said Jorkens. "And that's how I came to hear that singular story of August in the Red Sea."

"This Greek," said Jorkens, "was on a British liner going southwards down the coast, travelling on business. He was a glass manufacturer somewhere in Egypt, and he got on at Port Sudan. I imagine he made pretty well all the tumbler and wine-glasses in Egypt, and he was making that journey so as to extend his business to Durban and Capetown. I was only going to Durban myself."

"Well, we came to the line, and this Greek had never crossed it before. We had the usual games crossing the line; and the ship's officers took it all up very keenly and helped to make the fun go. Of course we had Neptune on board, with a fine beard made out of rope, and, well, of course the joke's not very funny, so they did all they could to make it go. To make them forget the heat, and of course some got ducked in a swimming bath, which helped to cool them too.

"It wasn't that that seems to have irritated the Greek, but being told by the captain that this really was Neptune, and that he was only trying to make it go, so as to amuse everybody. An elephant would have seen that much. But this Greek felt himself insulted by being treated, as he called it, like a child, because—as he said—he was a foreigner. And of course that wasn't the reason at all, he was only selected because he had never crossed the line; it was his turn; and any fooling there was was only done to make the passengers forget the blistering heat.

"Anyhow he flared up. 'We gave Neptune to the world,' he said before the rest of Europe was civilised. We, the Greeks. And they think they can treat me like a child. Me, a Greek. We fooled the world with Neptune, before you were civilised.'

"Poseidon, wasn't it?" I said, to check his fury. For it was mounting higher and higher, and I didn't know what to do. "Yes," he shouted, with the most triumphant smile and you could never even get the name right. "Well, after that I said no more. It doesn't sound much of a score, but from the way he shouted it he seemed to think he had vindicated Greece against the whole of Europe, and I thought at first that that would have satisfied him, but not a bit of it, he went away and brooded; said no more for the rest of the voyage, and made his absurd and elaborate plans to be revenged on the captain by fooling him and his officers as they, as he put it, had tried to fool him.

"Well, I got off at Durban; and in two years time I was in the same ship again. I used to knock about the East African coast, a good deal in those days, going to one place and another. It is quite untrue that I ever poached ivory; I never had anything to do with it; as my detractors will find out if they ever dare put it in writing.

"I was on the same ship going northwards, and at the very end of August we entered the Red Sea. Well, of course, you know, that can be a frightful experience. Two deserts lie like the sides of an oven, and the Red Sea is in March, and by the end of August these two deserts, that you can barely touch with the palm of your hand, have the Red Sea done to a turn, and it begins to cool in November.

"Men! In the least emotional start at a point, in heat like that, when very little more is required to drive them clean crazy. And it was a particularly bad August, even for the Red Sea.

"Well, I was sitting on the deck about lunch-time, and the rest of us were below having luncheon. What on earth they wanted to have lunch for in that heat I can't imagine. I had the best kind of dock-chair.

"What kind is that?" Terbut interrupted quite needlessly.



"And he said: 'That's all right. I'll give you something for it. And I said: 'Doctor, I'm not going to touch a drink all day. I'm going to do just what you tell me.' And he said: 'That's quite all right. I'll send you something by the steward, and don't get up till I see you again. It's very hot.' And I drank it when it came, and slept for twelve hours. And as soon as I woke I somehow knew that everything was all right."

"Yes, yes," said Terbut, "but you tell us that you saw the captain of a British ship in tears?"

"It was the heat," said Jorkens. "I tell you it was at the end of August in the Red Sea, not thirty miles from the Gates of Hell, as they call them, and no straits are better named. It was that still, oven-like heat. And then suddenly seeing this, and thinking his reason had broken down, and his career ended; never another job for him at sea again; and a family, likely as not, brought to the brink of starvation, at any rate all their leisure and comforts gone. He'd never have given way like that in England, or on any decent sea; but the heat there is perfectly frightful; and seeing a thing like that all of a sudden, when he was limp with the blazing heat."

"But what was it?" we shouted, for he really seemed to be rushing past the point.

"Well, of course it must have been some fake of that damned glass manufacturer," said Jorkens. "That Greek I told you of. He had no real competitors in the glass trade in the whole of that continent so he could afford to do anything."

"Yes, yes, yes. But what was it?" asked Terbut.

"An ice-berg," said Jorkens. "An ice-berg!" came from us all, quick as a cough.

"Yes," said Jorkens, with an earnest sadness, "and what went to my heart in that frightful heat, and so far away from home, quite quiet, and sent for the ship's doctor. I said: 'It's not my brain, doctor. It's my eyes. My brain's all right.'"

"Tears!" said Terbut. "Tears!" said Jorkens. "They were running down his face."

"Sweat," said Terbut. "Sweat?" Of course there was sweat," said Jorkens. "It was the Red Sea in August. But these were tears, and he went and sat down in one of the chairs and sobbed."

"I went to the side myself then and looked over round the corner of that red island where the captain had looked; and about a mile from the island I saw what he had seen. I went straight to my cabin and lay down and kept quite quiet, and sent for the ship's doctor. I said: 'It's not my brain, doctor. It's my eyes. My brain's all right.'"

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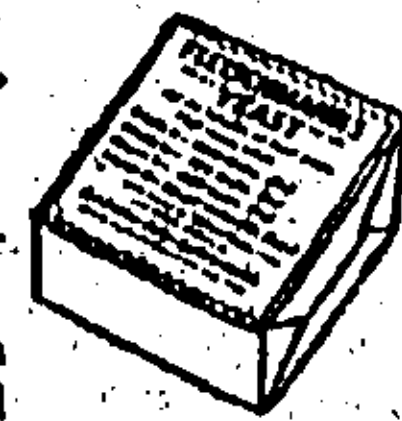
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This is the second reduction since the extent of the British successes in the Mediterranean became known.

By a coincidence, the Swedish radio has just broadcast that the authorities in Norway, after consulting the Norwegian Association, have raised the rate for northern Norway and western Sweden from 20 to 30 per cent.—Reuter.

CREDIT GUARANTEE EXTENDED

THE ANGLO-CHINESE export credit guarantee agreement was extended yesterday for another six months to make available the unused balance of the credit for China's purchases. The extension was warmly received by the Chinese circles in London.

It is learned from well-informed Chinese circles in London, regarding the new British credit relative to the Chinese currency equalisation fund, that necessary practical measures are being studied for preventing the Japanese from taking advantage of any situation which may affect the Chinese currency and also for safeguarding it from the injurious effects of speculation.

It is further believed that discussions are now taking place in Washington between Mr. T. V. Soong, Sir Frederick Phillips and the United States authorities with the view to co-ordinating joint Anglo-American measures for the support of Chinese currency.

Preliminary discussions regarding the British export credit are about to be initiated in London by the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Quo Tai-chi, and the Vice-Minister of Finance, Dr. P. W. Kuo, with the object of investigating the extent to which each producing country inside the sterling area can best supply China's urgent immediate and future material requirements.

Negotiations with the producing countries involved are necessary for the release of materials to China. While awaiting details of China's requirements from Chungking the problem is being further studied in London.—Central News.

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Sir Kingsley said that they would be issued at the Bank of England and West Scotland in multiples of £50, with a minimum restriction of £100. Issues of both

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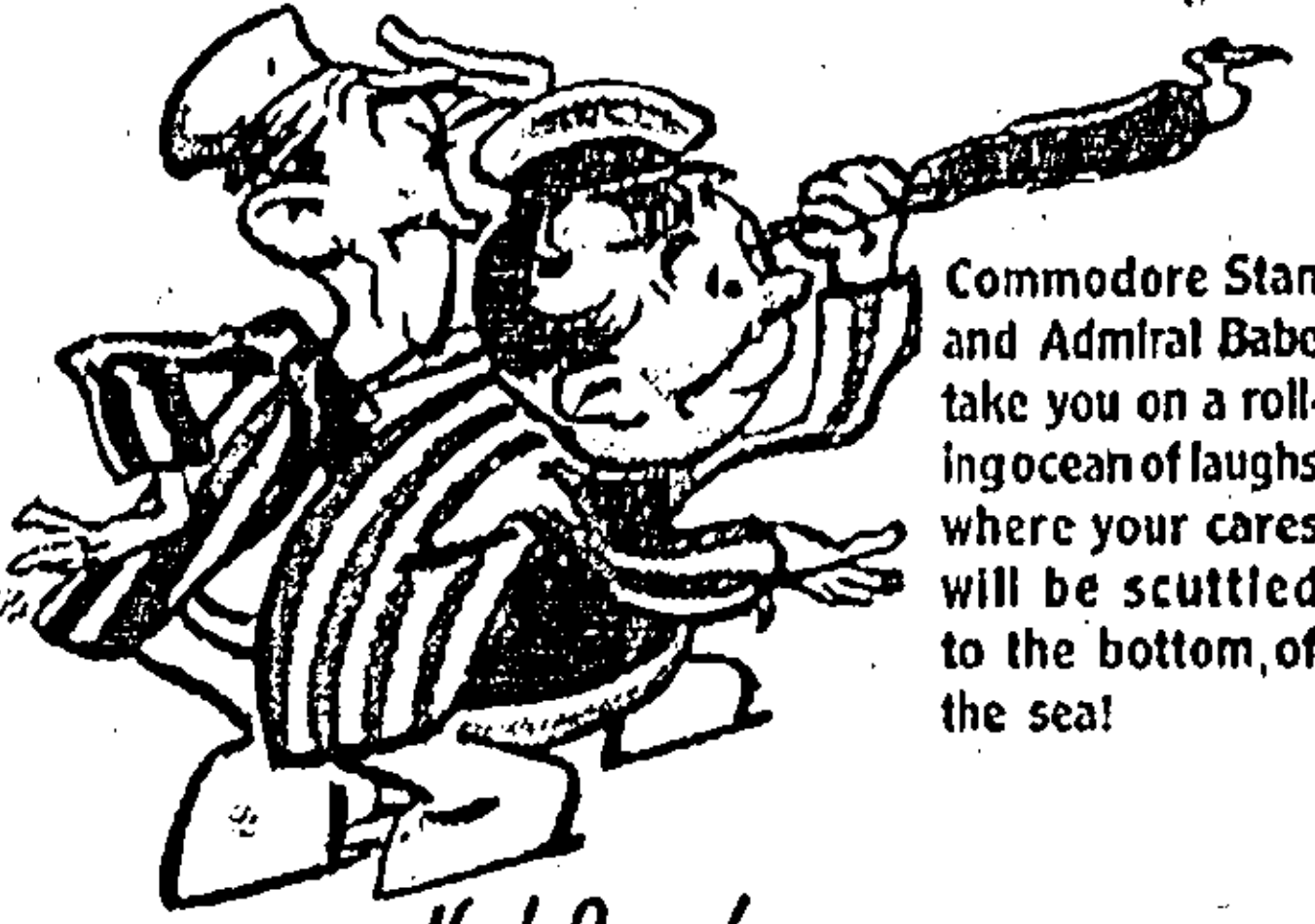
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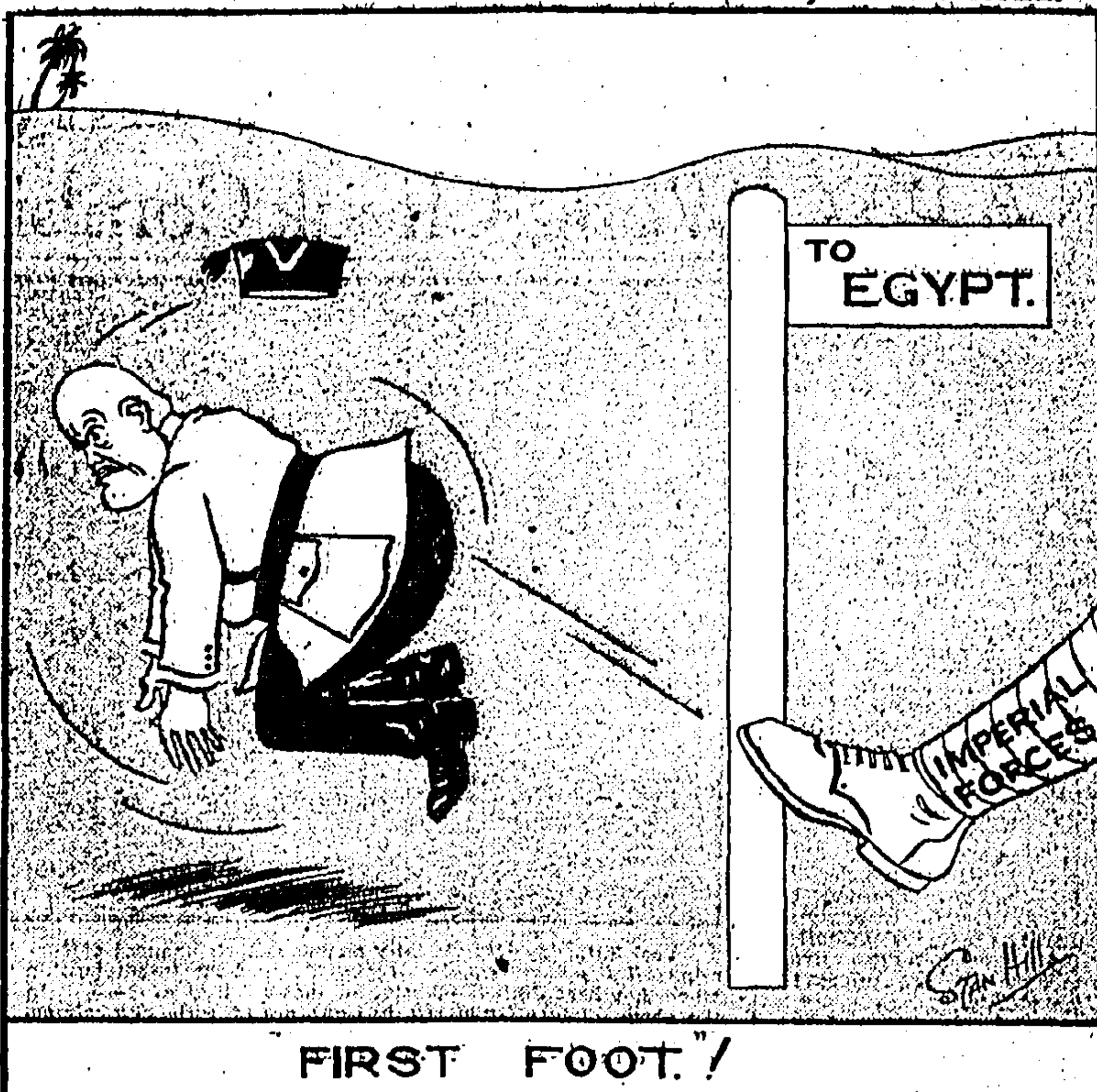
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11.00 a.m.—Relay of Morning Service from St. John's Cathedral.
12.15 p.m.—Mozart—Symphony in D, No. 35.
1st Mov: Allegro Con Spirito; 2nd Mov: Andante; 3rd Mov: Menuetto and Trio; 4th Mov: Finale (Presto). . . Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra.
12.30 p.m.—Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) and Beatrice Harrison (Soprano).
1.03 p.m.—Temilanka (Violin) and the Royal Opera House Orchestra, Stockholm.
Berceuse (Sibelius); King Christian Suite—Musette (Sibelius). . . Royal Opera House Orch., Stockholm.
Malaguenne (Sarasate, Op. 21); Scherzo Turandotte (Wienawski, Op. 16) . . . Temilanka (Violin) with Piano acc.
King Christian Suite—Elegie (Sibelius); Berceuse (Kajanus). . . Royal Opera House Orch., Stockholm.
1.25 p.m.—Two Songs by Marian Anderson (Contralto).
Flickan Kom Ifran Sin Alskings Mote (Sibelius); Sav, Sav, Sava, Op. 36, No. 4 (Sibelius). . . Marian Anderson (Contralto) with Piano accom.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Brahms—Concerto No. 2 in B Flat Major, Op. 83.
1st Mov: Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov: Allegro appassionato; 3rd Mov: Andante; 4th Mov: Allegretto grazioso . . . Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano) and The State Orchestra.
2.30 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".
7.30 p.m.—Half an hour with Rachmaninoff.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Gaston D'Aquin (Tenor) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.
1. Il Sogno ("Maison"—Mascagni).
2. Addio Mamma ("Cavalleria Rusticana"—Mascagni).
3. Onaway! Awake, Beloved! ("Hawatha's Wedding Feast"—Coleridge Taylor).
4. Ah! Moon of my delight! ("In a Persian Garden"—Liza Lehmann).
5. Si vous l'avez Compris (Denza).
6. Mattinata (Leoncavallo).
8.30 p.m.—Lala—Norwegian Rhapsody, Orchestre Symphonique de Paris.
8.39 p.m.—J. H. Squire Celeste Octet: Souvenir (Drula, arr. Willoughby).
Phantom Minuet (Hope).
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Book Reviews.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.
9.30 p.m.—Max Bruch—Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 26.
9.55 p.m.—Walter Glynn (Tenor) and Organ Music.
10.15 p.m.—Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.
10.35 p.m.—Close down.

"SUNDAY HERALD" CARTOON:

By STAN HILL.



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TIMOTHY AT BAY.

I HAVE received a letter from my old friend Timothy, who a few weeks ago declined to go down into an air-raid shelter until he had made a presentable sight of himself. He still lives in the centre of London, and he has just been bombed. He conveys this information to me as though wishing me to believe that he has been, so to say, personally bombed. "We had a grand fireworks display here last Saturday or rather at 12.30 a.m. Sunday. I awoke to find my room lit up. I jumped out of bed. The whole sky was ablaze. One hundred yards away two buildings were burning. Firemen on the roof. Timothy donned his thick dressing-gown, crumpled his wallet, loose cash, and cigarette case, matches, torch, and tooth brush into the pockets, and went down to see what was to be done. Two hours later the old veteran was back in bed, sleeping the sleep of the just."

Then comes the following quite priceless remark: "The other day a bus guard said to me, 'Ave you ever been in one of them 'ere air shelters?' And before I could reply, he said, 'No, I can see, Sir, you don't look that sort.' Bless us, 'don't look that sort!' So, as ever, there are in England certain things that are done and certain things that are not done, by the right people. Timothy's letter goes on to say that 'last week' I went round to— (our favourite restaurant in the old days), "but found it surrounded by unexploded bombs and therefore temporarily closed." Temporarily closed, mark you; only temporary!

By Neville Cardus.

ly closed—heaven bless you, Timothy, you do me good! "And so," proceeds my old veteran, "I had to go to the end of the road, really, though they have to close at 8 p.m. It's enough to make a cat laugh. London in 1940! Dinner at 7 o'clock! Home for the night at 8.30! The barndance waiting."

But on Sunday we had a fairly quiet night, so I went out with old— to Canova's in Baker Street. Smoked salmon; grouse (pink at the bone), and a bottle of 1928 Pommard. Very pleasant. This letter is not trying to be clever or vainglorious. It is Timothy's natural self. And he is one of many. Napoleon said the English had no imagination, and because of that serious lack they could never realise when they were beaten in war. Other and more competent observers of English life have said that the English are complacent, and stupid, and hypocritical. None of these statements is true, and none is without foundation. The English people have lived until recent years in a century of isolation; they even isolate themselves from themselves. They often travel hundreds of miles on trains and hardly ever speak to one another. If a man gets into a first-class railway compartment on the way from Beaconsfield to London, the solitary occupant scowls from behind his newspaper at the newcomer, as much as to say, "Good God, isn't there plenty of room in some other compartment?"

The middle-class Englishman doesn't believe in invasion of any sort; he likes a certain privacy and a certain comfortable set of habits. If circumstances sudden-

ly shake him out of the routine of his days, he will in time adopt himself—and will then pretend that the change of circumstances is really better than the old ways. He hates to show publicly that he is upset. He has been taught at his Public school to bottle up his feelings, and on no occasion to exhibit bad form. It takes almost a world war to shake him out of his ease and sense of superiority for ever and ever. He will not when he is compelled to get. His idea of life is peace and reasonably quiet returns. He is the most friendly creature on earth, once the foe has been broken. He will sacrifice his all at the crisis.

The working classes inherited from their Victorian lords and masters the proper and convenient spirit of tolerance and love of habits. Once I tried some social work in the slums of the North of England; I found that the people unanimously wished to be left alone. Like the top-hatted man in the first-class railway compartment, they did not want to be invaded. And now Hitler thinks he can invade all these private lives and impose on them an exhausting regime. As Timothy would say, "What a hope!"

The most remarkable of my recent letters from England comes from a man who is a writer by profession, well-known for his realistic outlook—a cynic in fact. He says: "I had four of the worst nights of raids in London a week ago, and although I would rather have been out of it at the time; I missed it for anything. The way people stand up to the ordeal makes one feel quite certain that we shall come through it all right." Now, as I say, this man is a pretty hard-boiled case, the last man in the world to talk sentiment, or to lapse into sentimental thinking. He is at the extreme end of the scale. He is an intellectual, and, of course, Timothy is not. The paradox of the Englishman baffled. Taine said years ago, "It's a greater paradox than ever today. Lives are still private; the people bombed in the East End decline to share the mansions of Mayfair. 'Where do they think we are going' to do our shopping—Bond Street?"

If the war changes the English character, and upsets traditional social order, the alteration may well be of benefit, and not hurtful to the basic qualities. Complacency was certainly running a little too much to a sort of fatty intolerance. There'll always be an Englishman, but need there always be a North of England?

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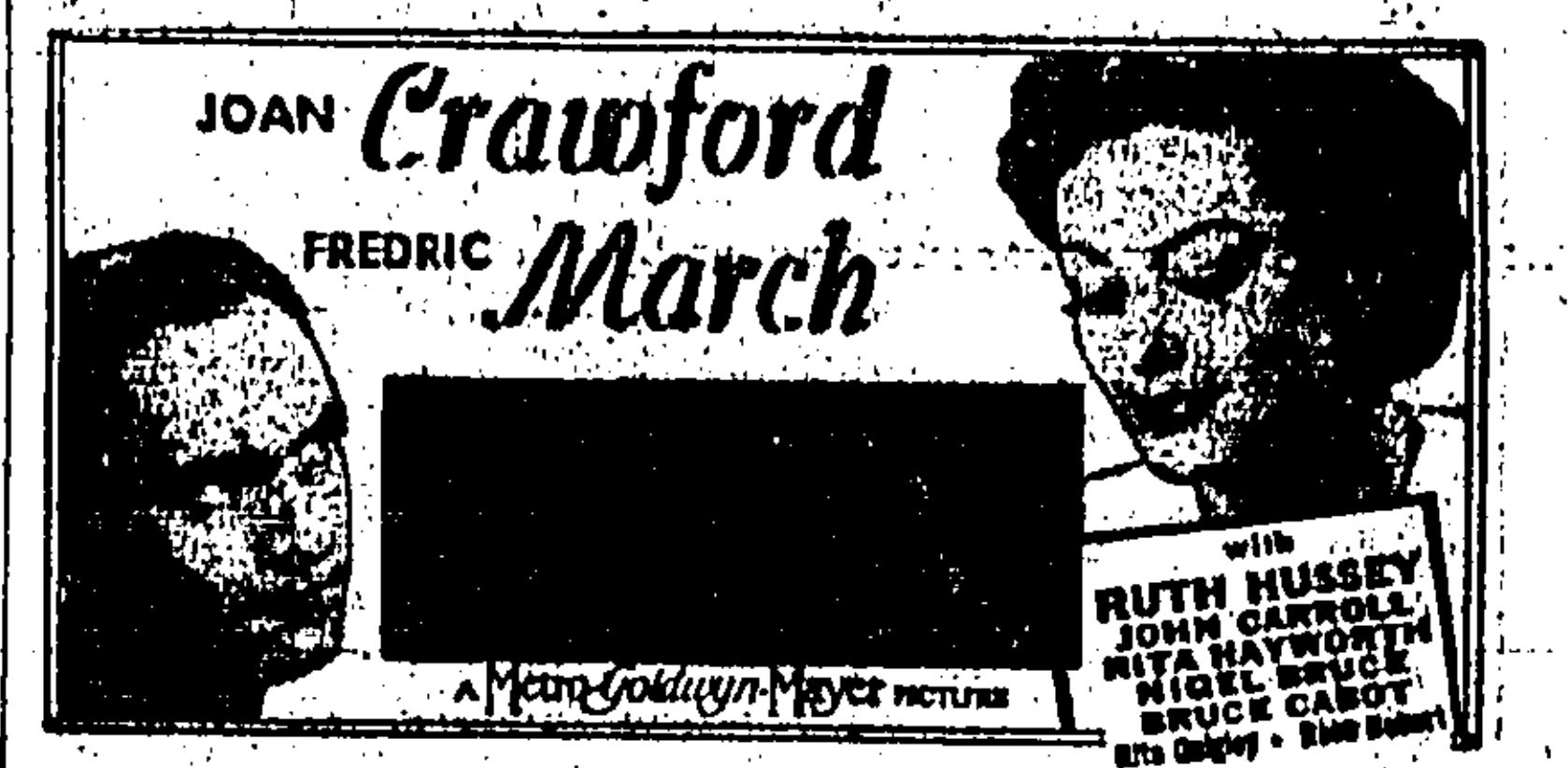
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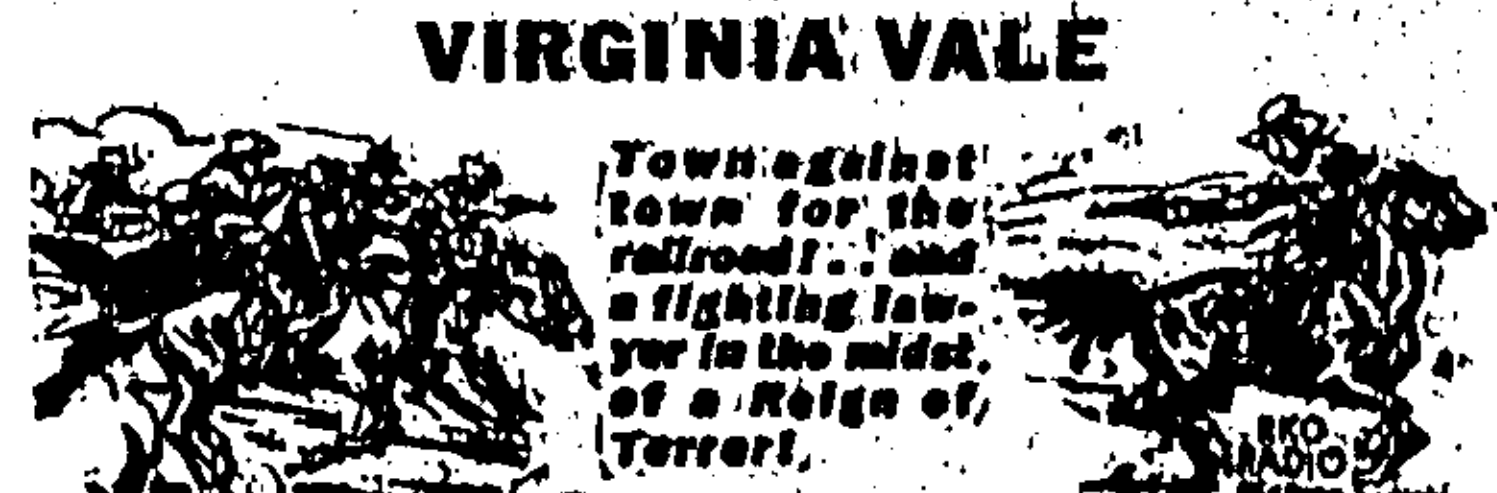
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J. E. "DICKY" Richardson, one of the best opening batsmen we have had in Hong Kong during the past 10 years, celebrated Christmas with a hard hit 144 for Club against The Wanderers on Boxing Day and so registered the highest score of his career and his 19th century. Yesterday he scored 55 not out against Recreio, against whom he had never previously secured double figures.

ARRIVING in Hong Kong in June of 1920, Richardson walked straight into the Colony Interport team which beat the visiting Shanghai side by 82 runs and Malaya by 4 wickets. In the first game he secured his place as a bowler, following several useful performances for Civil Service, but decidedly bowling by "Acid" Bowker (7 for 49) and Bill Bruce (2 for 12) in the first innings and by Alan Reid (4 for 40) in the second innings gave him no chance to justify his inclusion on that score. Against Malaya, however, he opened the second innings with "Teddy" Fincher and contributed 35 to the opening partnership of 70 odd.



Since then he has played in two Interports, against Shanghai in Hong Kong in 1931 and in Shanghai in 1932, when he opened with G. R. Sayer. Interport cricket, however, has never produced the best in him, and his 33 against Malaya is his highest score, the next best being 51.

12 CENTURIES

HAVING played for Civil Service regularly ever since he arrived here, Richardson is now captaining their senior eleven for the third time. During the nine seasons he has aided them he has topped the batting averages seven times, and in the 1929-30 season he headed the batting by bowling averages, his 31 wickets earning a shade over 8 runs apiece. He bowled then as he does now—four steps up to the wicket and a slow off spinner that comes off the pitch surprisingly fast for that type of bowling.

In the 1935-36 season he was second in the League batting averages, thanks to two centuries—against Club and Army—and 90 against University in successive innings.

39 IN 120 MINS.

HE has carried his bat through the innings several times, most notably on Boxing Day when he hit 39 of the 87 runs scored by Civil Service against Club when the latter had A. C. Mackinnon at his wicket. Incidentally, this innings of 39 occupied two hours and is probably the best example of what Richardson can do if the occasion so demands. His fastest scoring effort was his 144 last Thursday. Scoring 137 before lunch, he hit a six and included a five and 24 boundaries. His 144, scored out of 242 in 110 minutes.

His best tests this season are: 50 v I.L.C.C., 60 v K.C.C., 144 v Wanderers, 55 v Recreio, not out.

H.K. NOMADS' TOUR

IN June, 1933, he took part in the Hong Kong Nomads' tour, under the captaincy of Eric Mitchell, and he and Donald Anderson each scored over 300 runs as the result of seven innings, his own 87 being the top score for the visitors in the course of their five matches, against Somerset Stragglers, for whom Mudden-Gaskell hit three of his deliveries out of the Somerset County ground in the course of his century—the only one of the series—Devon Dimplings, Men of Mendip, Sidmouth and another Devonshire team.

Members of that Hong Kong Nomads' team were E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), J. E. Richardson, D. Evans, G. R. Sayer, "Lobster" Reed, F. Baker, E. W. Hamilton, A. C. Beck, Alan Reid, D. J. N. Anderson, F. S. W. Smith and A. K. Macfarlane.

Following this enjoyable tour Richardson was married.

SEVEN CENTURIES

IN view of the fact he secured his first Hong Kong blazer as a bowler, it is interesting to note

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ROYAL NAVY ARE THE FIRST WINNERS OF THE QUADRANGULAR RUGBY TOURNAMENT.

YESTERDAY, ON THE CLUB GROUND, THEY BEAT ARMY BY A GOAL AND TWO TRIES (11 POINTS) TO NIL AFTER HOLDING AN INTERVAL LEAD OF SIX POINTS TO MAKE CERTAIN OF CARRYING OFF THE HONOURS REGARDLESS OF THE RESULT OF THEIR REMAINING GAME, AGAINST POLICE NEXT SATURDAY.

Their success was well deserved and again it was due to excellent team-work. Ford did not see much of the ball in the first 20 minutes, but thereafter he gave Army possession nine times out of ten, only to see the backs fumble indifferent passes or graced by deadly Navy tackling.

Army had their chances and did not take them, and high tackling and neglect of Navy's key men, Paul and Honeywill, were responsible for all three scores against them.

Navy made one change in their advertised team, Stockham coming into the pack in place of the injured Taylor, while Army had their pack instead of Honeywill. Army also made a positional change, Hogg going to stand-off and Coombes into the centre.

Led in brilliant style by Watson, the Navy pack surpassed even their fine showing in the first encounter against Army, when they won 11-3, being very fast on the ball and lasting the gruelling game better than their opponents. All eight played well with Mansfield and Poole catching the eye more often than the others.

Rutherford maintained an accurate service from the scrum in the early stages and was then forced to give all his attentions to Wedderburn, due to the fact that Watson had met his master. O'Riordan showed more enterprise than usual and acquitted himself well, though he would do better if he moved up closer to his scrum-half.

Deadly Tackling

The tackling of the Navy backs was above praise. It was low and hard, and there was no "buying of the dummy." As a result Morahan was not called on once to tackle, although he gave Navy supporters one or two anxious moments during his aptitude to allow the ball to bounce instead of felling it in the approved manner. Paul was always dangerous and Honeywill is improving with every game. McGill and Bowden did all that was expected of them, except that McGill might have followed up to advantage one or two of Paul's diagonal punts.

Pleton was not as reliable as in the first game, his handling and kicking being below standard. Richards had more to do than MacDonald, but both wingers were very closely marked and achieved little. Douglas was in poor form, either dropping his passes or running straight into his opponent and being graced in possession. Coombes also failed to make any headway at all, Paul watching his every move throughout.

Fly-Half Problem

Hook was not a success at fly-half, slowing up the attack by the curious turnabout he makes before moving ahead or passing. Wedderburn played a splendid game at scrum-half, and it was unfortunate his fine efforts were wasted.

The forwards badly lacked leadership, and there were times when they were attempting to take the ball forward instead of making a quick heel. Lack of combination was very apparent, and only players to impress were Pinkerton, Gillham and Ford, whose magnificent looking should have produced much better results.

Paul's Opportunism

O'Riordan provided the first thrill when, as the result of high tackling, he made a neat cut through which took him to five yards from the Army line, but the Army pack relieved from the resultant loose scrum. Army then got going, and a good passing movement spelled danger until Richards sent out a wild pass to Douglas, who had come up on his outside and was unmarked.

Miller then threw out a long pass from a fifth-out, but, after catching the Navy backs on the wrong foot and having paved the way for a try for MacDonald, Douglas dropped a waist-high pass and an

TOURNAMENT TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	F.A.	Pts.
Navy	5	4	1	0	11
Club	5	2	2	0	4
Army	4	1	3	0	3
Police	4	0	0	1	0

28 OUT OF 60

Paul has contributed 28 points to Navy's total of 60 from five matches.

exceedingly promising movement fizzled out. Navy then exerted pressure and Honeywill punted ahead. Pleton was slow in gathering the ball and was partially tackled by Honeywill as he attempted to find touch, and Paul held the ball a yard from touch, evaded four defenders and then hurled himself over in the corner. King's kick was charged down by Ford, and Navy led 3-0 after 20 minutes. Almost immediately after Miller attempted to land a penalty goal from 35 yards, but his effort was well short. Five minutes later Bowden broke through with the ball at his feet and Paul, following up, secured a favourable bounce, handed off Pleton and raced over in the corner. King's kick was charged down by Navy leading 6-0.

Chance Thrown Away

Paul was almost over following a dropped pass by Coombes, but

GOODWIN'S UNDEFEATED HALF-CENTURY

Former Interport fast bowler Frank Goodwin made a good start to junior cricket yesterday when he took 3 for 46 and then made a hard-hit 63 not out.

Goodwin was playing for K.C.C. 2nd XI against I.R.C. 2nd XI in a match which was left drawn. A. R. Saffell hit eight fours in his 56 not out for I.R.C. while Goodwin found the boundary on nine occasions.

I.R.C. 2ND XI
H. T. Bama, b Luke 10
F. A. Curran, c Curtis, b Goodwin 1
M. I. Razack, b Goodwin 9
A. R. Saffell, not out 50
M. R. Abbas, c Gray, b Luke 10
T. Ali, b Baxter 8
S. H. Rumjahn, b Goodwin 21
A. H. Ismail, c Gray, b Luke 19
K. S. Gill, not out 18
Extras (B8, LB9, W1) 18

Total (for 7 wks. dec.) 160
O. el Arcuelli and M. B. Hassan did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
Curtis 5 0 24 0
Goodwin 9 0 40 3
Luke 9 0 59 3
Baxter 3 0 13 1
Gray 3 0 6 0

K.C.C. 2ND XI
K. M. Baxter, c and b Rumjahn 30
L. R. Burch, b Hassan 2
J. W. Betram, b Abbas 11
S. A. Gray, b Abbas 7
F. Goodwin, not out 53
J. R. Luke, b Abbas 10
H. Brokenshire, b Abbas 9
G. W. Griffin, b Abbas 0
Extras (B5) 5

Total (for 6 wks.) 139
R. Leigh and R. W. Maynard did not bat.

YACHTING RESULTS

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's first half of their hockey season, Y.M.C.A. held an intra-club match at King's Park yesterday afternoon, when civilian members beat Service members by the odd goal in nine after both sides had scored twice in the first period.

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LAWN BOWLS CLOSING
DAY AT KOWLOON B.G.C.
ATTRACTS 80 PLAYERS

GLOWING TRIBUTES to the hospitality always dispensed at Kowloon Bowling Green Club were made by the president of Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association, Sir A. D. A. MacGregor, and Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, at the Bowls Closing Day yesterday at Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

The bowling accommodation at the club was taxed to capacity, no fewer than 20 rinks taking part, the team led by the H.K.L.B.A. president, leading the Kowloon Bowling Green Club team by a margin of 31 shots.

Following the bowls programme, the presentation of bowling prizes won at K.B.G.C. in the course of the season was made by Sir Athol MacGregor.

Before calling on Sir Athol to present the prizes, Mr. "Jack" McKelvie, vice-president, welcomed the guests and briefly reviewed bowls activities at the club during the past season. He congratulated the winners of the competitions, particularly L. Sykes, who did very well in his first season of bowls.

Sir Athol said he had been referred to as a guest, which of course was wrong, as he was a member. He remarked on the excellence of the greens and the good times invariably had by all visiting teams. He concluded by thanking the ladies of the club for the very fine tea they had served that afternoon.

Following the presentation of prizes Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith endorsed Sir Athol's remarks and remarked that the K.B.G.C. was to Hong Kong lawn bowlers what the Royal and Ancient course at St. Andrew's was to British golfers.

Prize-Winners

Following was the prize-list: Club championship and J. M. Henderson Cup. Winner—A. Hyde-Lay. Runner-up—E. A. Atkins.

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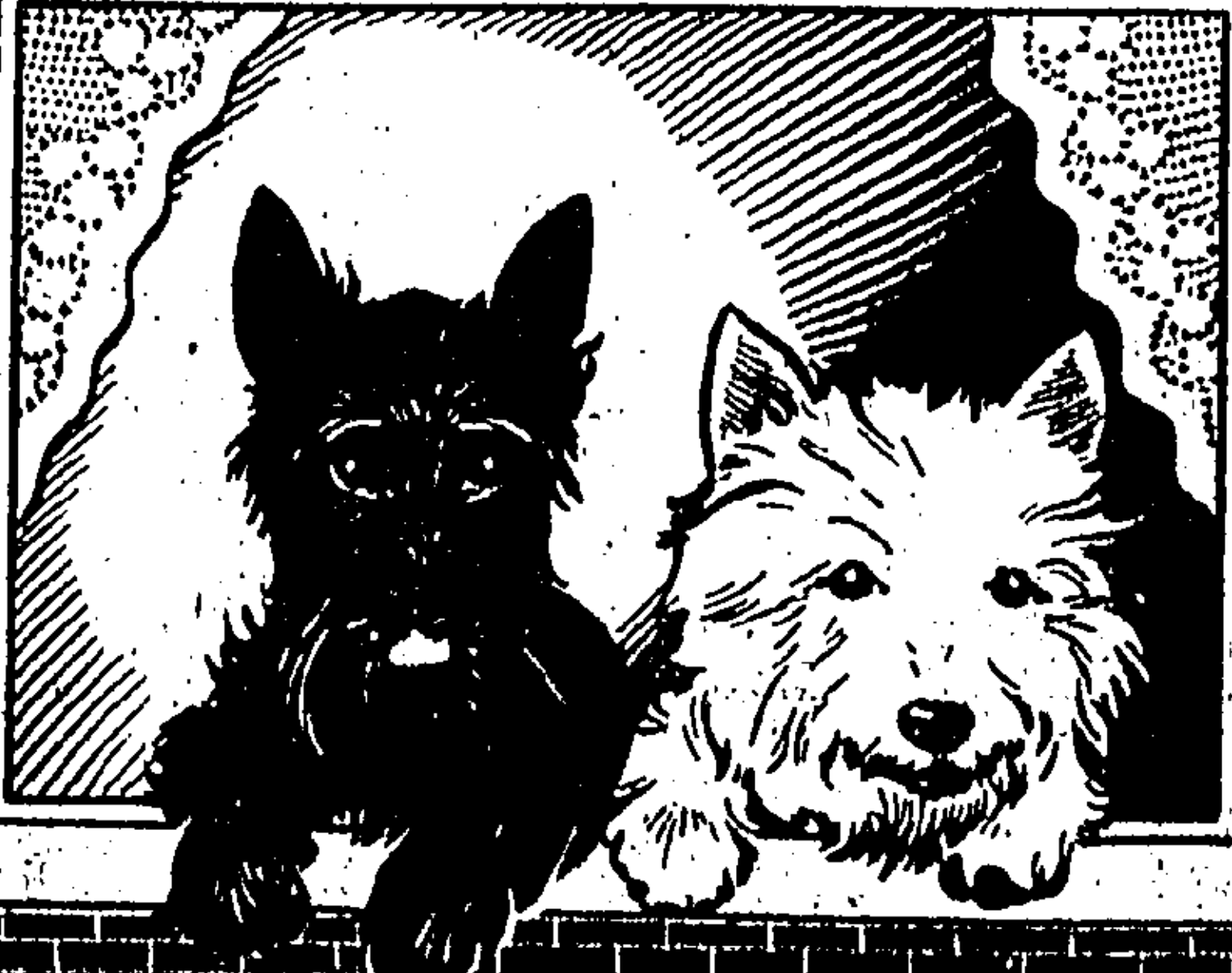
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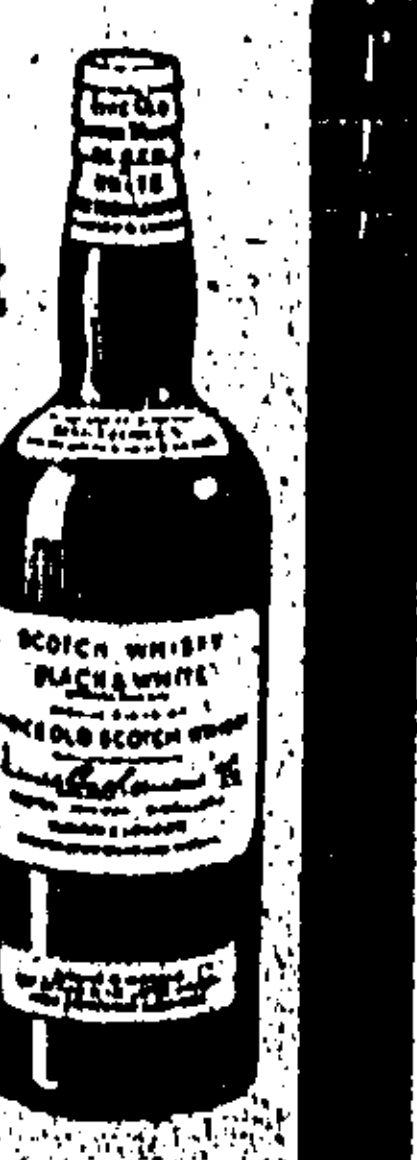
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BOWLERS HAD A particularly sorry time of it at Chater Road yesterday, where the friendly cricket match between Hong Kong Cricket Club and Army produced no fewer than 378 runs in the course of the afternoon for the loss of only nine wickets.

Map of the match was Harry Owen-Hughes, who added yet another century to his long list, while Knight also did well with a half-century.

Army deserve full marks for their great effort in the face of a total of 202. When stumps were drawn they had scored 176 for the loss of six wickets.

Owen-Hughes and Knight added 84 runs for the first wicket, the latter hitting seven boundaries in his 51. Joined by Riddle, Owen-Hughes continued to bat well and the partnership realised 73 runs. The left-hander then went on to make 103, and the innings was declared closed with the Club total at 202 for 3. Owen-Hughes hit no fewer than 17 boundaries.

Not deterred by the loss of Logan and Grose for only 32 runs, Army set about their task with a will. Webb and Pearce put on 81 for the third wicket before Webb was bowled by Dewar with his score 20. Pearce did not long survive him, being caught by Kilbee off Hiley for 54, which included one six and seven fours.

Dewar was dismissed cheaply, but John Pearce and Skipwith carried on the good work, and the Army total was only 20 short of their opponents' when stumps were drawn.

HONG KONG C.C.
L. T. Riddle, c Murphy, b Tropp 26
H. Owen-Hughes, not out 103
T. G. C. Knight, c Tropp, b Murphy 51
D. O. Parsons, c Grose, b Tropp 11
L. D. Kilbee, not out 54
Extras (B5, LB1) 0

Total (for 3 wickets, dec.) 202
A. J. Dewar, J. L. Hiley, G. J. P. Carey, G. P. Charlton, L. G. Finnie and E. P. Miller did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Dixon 2 0 21 0
Tropp 10 0 56 2
T. A. Pearce 4 0 24 0
Murphy 2 0 23 1
Skipwith 3 0 34 0
J. L. C. Pearce 3 0 23 0

ARMY
Major Grose, c Knight, b Finnie 12
L/Cpl. Logan, b Knight 7

K.C.C. SCORE 154 IN 70 MINS. TO BEAT I.R.C. BY 8 WKTS

Race Against Clock Won By 15 Minutes

Indians Show Remarkable Lack Of Enterprise

By "Adrem"

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB HAVE SCORED SOME NOTABLE VICTORIES ON THE CRICKET FIELD THIS SEASON, BUT THEIR WIN YESTERDAY OVER INDIAN RECREATION CLUB BY EIGHT WICKETS AT COX'S ROAD MUST RANK AS ONE OF THEIR BEST PERFORMANCES TO DATE.

Given only 75 minutes to score 140 runs, the amassing of which total had occupied the Indians 130 minutes, they knocked off the required runs in exactly 60 minutes for the loss of two wickets and then went on to make 154 in 70 minutes!

The Indians' old trouble was again very much in evidence yesterday, and their poor showing can be attributed to their complete lack of enterprise. The Kowloon attack was far from good—indeed I cannot remember having seen Zimmerman bowl so badly for a long time or Lloyd put up so many over-pitched balls—but except for a period of 15 minutes near the end, when A. H. Madar, after playing ultra-cautiously for about an hour began to lay on the wood and a breezy interlude by Minu, long-hops and full-tosses were patted back, or straight to the fielders, with monotonous regularity.

After 60 minutes play the I.R.C. total had reached only 30 and at 3.30 the score was a bare 50. Minu then made a great effort to catch up on the clock and played a typical innings of 31, which included a six and four fours, but even then 94 runs a few minutes before four o'clock was not nearly good enough.

At this stage, however, Madar started to hit, and in the space of about 15 minutes raised his score from 31 to 56 and the I.R.C. total to 136 at 4.15, at which stage the declaration was applied.

The K.C.C. fielding was sure if not brilliant, and latterly it was apparent that the passive tactics of the batting side had begun to

infuse lethargy into the fielders. One bright incident is worthy of record, however; a quick piece of work by Broadbridge, who went down Humjahn's wicket when the batsman thought he had heaps of time to make the run.

Bright Cricket

In strict contrast to the I.R.C. innings, the K.C.C. innings provided bright cricket from the first over. Anderson was in particularly good form and wasted no scoring opportunities. He reached 30 in 20 minutes with the K.C.C. total at 60, at which stage Hung also opened up and hit the first six of his career, off Minu, which he followed up with a four and a two. Both batsmen took risks, but gave no chances early on, and when Hung was finally caught in the deep for a valuable innings of 45, K.C.C. were assured of victory as their total was then 110, scored in 15 minutes.

Thereafter play was a mere formality and with Anderson still scoring at will a further 15 minutes sufficed for I.R.C.'s defeat. Anderson hit 11 fours and Hung a six and six fours.

I have never seen Minu come in for so much punishment. He was literally hit all over the field as his analysis, which shows 66 runs in seven overs, illustrates only too well. Latterly the I.R.C. fielders dropped several easy catches, while the ground fielding also left much to be desired.

On yesterday's showing I.R.C.'s chances in the League do not appear bright, whereas K.C.C. have proved that they will require a lot of stopping.

INDIAN R.C.

A. H. Humjahn, run out 11
K. Nazarin, c and b Lloyd 0
A. H. Madar, b Anderson 66
M. P. Madar, c Ropley, b Zimmerman 5
S. A. Ismail, c Anderson, b Zimmerman 0
K. Minu, c Hung, b Lloyd 31
M. el Arculi, b Zimmerman 3
A. R. H. Esmail, not out 9
Extras (LB4, WB1) 5

Total (for 7 wickets, dec.) 139
A. el Arculi, J. A. Rahimin and E. Yusur did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
F. R. Zimmerman 14 1 51 3
Lloyd 13 1 25 2
Anderson 7 1 25 1
F. J. Lay, not out 14
Extras (B4, LB2) 6

KOWLOON C.C.
D. J. N. Anderson, c Ismail, b Minu 79
D. Hung, c Esmail, b Madar 45
E. F. Fletcher, not out 10
F. J. Lay, not out 14
Extras (B4, LB2) 6

Total (for 2 wickets) 154
A. Zimmerman, E. C. Fletcher, W. L. Ropley, R. T. Broadbridge, N. D. Lloyd, P. R. Zimmerman and T. A. Madar did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Nazarin 6 0 31 0
Minu 7 0 66 1
A. H. Madar 3 0 17 0
A. el Arculi, jr. 3 0 34 0

ANSWERS

(Questions on Page 16)
A. 1. (A) Yes. (B) Yes. The Law states that corner flags and centre flags (if used) are to be at least five feet in height. (The centre flags are optional); A. 2. The passing of both players over the goal-line is not to be adjudged as leaving the field of play. The goalkeeper must be penalised for violent conduct and a penalty kick awarded as play was in progress when the incident occurred. A. 3. Goalkeepers must be standing on their own goal-line between the goal-posts.

LAM SCORES 69 NOT OUT & HAS 6-24

A fine all-round performance by C. W. Lam was the feature of the friendly cricket match at Pokfulam yesterday between the junior teams of Craigengower and University, which the former won by 44 runs.

Lam hit 11 fours in his 69 not out and scored his runs out of the 142 added while he was at the wicket. He then went on to take 6 for 24 after securing his first four wickets at a cost of 12 runs.

C.C.C. 2ND XI
A. Hung, b Amplanavan, 15
N. Broadbridge, c Chelliah, b Singh 4
C. W. Lam, not out 69
T. Loek, c Mazza, b Amplanavan 6
W. K. Way, b Singh 0
U. H. Esmail, b Singh 2
A. M. Omar, c and b Singh 13
S. Leonard, c Hooi, b Scores 27
L. Choa, not out 7
Extras (B17, LB1) 18

Total (for 7 wickets, dec.) 161
O. M. Omar and J. W. Leonard did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Singh 13 0 82 4
Amplanavan 9 0 41 2
Scores 3 0 20 1

UNIVERSITY 2ND XI
K. S. Ooi, b U. H. Esmail 5
R. M. Scores, b U. H. Esmail 4
Aziz Ahmed, b U. H. Esmail 17
N. Singh, b U. H. Esmail 10
D. Chelliah, b.w., b Lam 10
C. W. Hooi, b Lam 15
S. Amplanavan, c A. M. Omar, b Lam 0
Amoy Ali, c Hung, b Lam 2
O. Y. Cheung, b Lam 7
E. Mazza, b Lam 7
R. S. Gill, not out 19
Extras (B14, LB3, WB1, NB1) 19

Total 107

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
A. M. Omar 6 0 10 0
U. H. Esmail 8 1 45 4
Lam 6 2 24 6

MACAULEY IN DEADLY FORM: 5-2

An exciting friendly cricket match was played at the Valley yesterday between Civil Service Juniors and Diocesan Boys' School, the latter having their last two men in with their total 10 runs in arrears when stumps were drawn.

Barrow and Stone added 58 for the Civil Service fifth wicket, while Jernakoff played a gallant innings for the School, batting 90 minutes for 39 after four wickets had fallen for only 13. He scored 39 of the 75 runs added while he was at the wicket and hit seven fours.

Macauley, for D.B.S., and Stone bowled very well for their respective sides. Macauley took his first three wickets for five runs and had a last spell of

O. M. R. W.
3.2 2 2 5
C.S.C. 2ND XI
G. Ainslie, c Whitfield, b Ebrahim 0
A. Watson, b Macauley 0
F. E. Lawrence, c and b Macauley 0
J. Barrow, c Whitfield, b Macauley 33
A. M. J. Wright, b Macauley 0
G. Stone, b Macauley 32
H. Strang, b Macauley 0
J. F. Macgowan, b Macauley 0
D. Crawley, c Jernakoff, b Macauley 5
J. Mitchell, b Ebrahim 5
F. Read, not out 0
Extras (B9) 0

Total 98

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Macauley 11.2 4 20 8
Ebrahim 12 3 38 2
Whitfield 4 1 31 0

OTHER CRICKET WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 17.

RICHARDSON AND BAKER SAVE C.S.C.C. AGAINST RECS.

A PARTNERSHIP OF 82 BETWEEN RICHARDSON AND BAKER SAVED CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET CLUB FROM DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF CLUB DE RECREO YESTERDAY AT KING'S PARK.

Civil Service had lost four wickets for only 28 runs in reply to Recreo's 163 when Baker joined Richardson, and not until the total had been carried to 120 was Baker dismissed, Richardson, who scored 144 for Club against Wanderers on Thursday, was again in great form, carrying his bat through the Civil Service innings for 55, in which were three fours and six sixes.

Consistent batting by their earlier batsmen enabled Recreo to total 163, J. M. Gosano being top-scorer with 34. Baker's first wicket cost him 27 runs, but he then had a spell during which he took 3 for 10 to finish with 4 for 40.

RECREO
L. G. Gosano, c Smith, b Baker 0
J. M. Gosano, b Whitley 34
E. M. L. Soares, c Perry, b Richardson 24
A. M. Prata, c and b Smith 27
E. L. Gosano, b Baker 20
A. M. Rodrigues, c Whitley, b Perry 13
W. A. Reed, c Fortescue, b Baker 3
H. L. Ozerio, b Perry 0
N. Beltrao, b Perry 4
C. P. Pereira, b Baker 13
J. D. Remedios, not out 0
Extras (B15, LB1) 10

Total 163

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Perry 9.3 0 54 3
Baker 10 0 40 4
Whitley 3 0 22 1
Richardson 1 0 7 1
Smith 3 0 10 1

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.
J. E. Richardson, not out 55
K. J. Attwell, b E. L. Gosano 0
A. E. Perry, b.w., b Ozerio 7
R. H. Griffiths, b.w., b E. L. Gosano 4
D. Hollidge, c Prata, b Ozerio 4
F. Epker, c J. M. Gosano, b Prata 48
T. V. Fortescue, b E. L. Gosano 7
Extras (B1, LB2) 3

Total (for 6 wickets) 128
B. C. Hawkins, N. Whitley, L. Smith and H. Harrold did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
E. L. Gosano 7.4 0 33 3
Ozerio 10 0 50 2
L. G. Gosano 2 0 17 0
Pereira 2 0 17 0
Prata 1 0 6 1

CRAIGENGOWER
E. Zimmerman, c Mahmood, b Hong Choy 18
J. L. Youngsaya, b.w., b Hong Choy 0
A. J. Hulce, not out 77
G. Souza, b Mahmood 10
E. A. Lee, b.w., b Lo 4
A. B. Hanson, not out 33
A. K. Ismail, c Teoh, b Mahmood 18
Extras (B17, LB1) 16

Total (for 5 wickets, dec.) 176
W. Hong Sling, E. H. Esmail, P. J. Billimoria and T. H. Edgar did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Mahmood 15 4 46 2
Hong Choy 7 0 37 2
Lo 2 0 17 1
Tam 3 0 28 0
Matthews 3 0 30 0

UNIVERSITY
K. Y. Tam, c Esmail, b Ismail 37
C. N. Matthews, s. Zimmerman, b Ismail 62
N. C. Sen Gupta, not out 28
G. Hong Choy, c Hanson, b Ismail 4
J. Fenton, run out 4
T. T. Chin, not out 1
Extras (B2, LB4) 0

Total (for 4 wickets) 140
K. Lo, S. Mahmood, T. B. Teoh, L. L. Sung, L. H. Tam did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Billimoria 8 2 17 0
Souza 5 1 22 0
Ismail 4 0 42 3
Hulce 4 0 15 0
Esmail 1 0 15 0
Edgar 1 0 10 0
Lee 1 0 13 0

D.B.S.
J. Macauley, run out 5
C. Whitfield, b Stone 0
G. A. Goodban, b Stone 10
L. Lyson, b Stone 10
C. I. Kotewall, c Stjunge, b Stone 0
J. Jernakoff, not out 39
P. K. Lau, c Macgowan, b Stone 0
E. Randall, c Ainslie, b Stone 0
W. Macauley, c Stone, b Mitchell 11
A. Ebrahim, c Lawrence, b Stone 1
G. Rossell, not out 1
Extras (B5, DB1) 0

Total (for 9 wickets) 89

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Stone 9 0 40 7
Macgowan 4 1 12 0
Ainslie 2 0 8 0
Mitchell 3 0 13 1
MacLellan bowled one wide ball.

POLICE R.C.
A. E. Croy, b Silva 16
W. L. Clarke, c Alves, b M. A. Remedios 10
H. Tyler, b Alves 7
C. Pope, b Alves 0
J. Hayward, c Carvalho, b Silva 0
T. Hemmley, b.w., b Alves 0
J. Sheppard, c Alves, b Silva 4
H. Danbrowsky, c Alves, b A. H. Remedios 1
J. Aitken, b M. A. Remedios 1
A. Billingham, b F. J. Remedios 4
N. Reynolds, not out 10
Extras (B4) 4

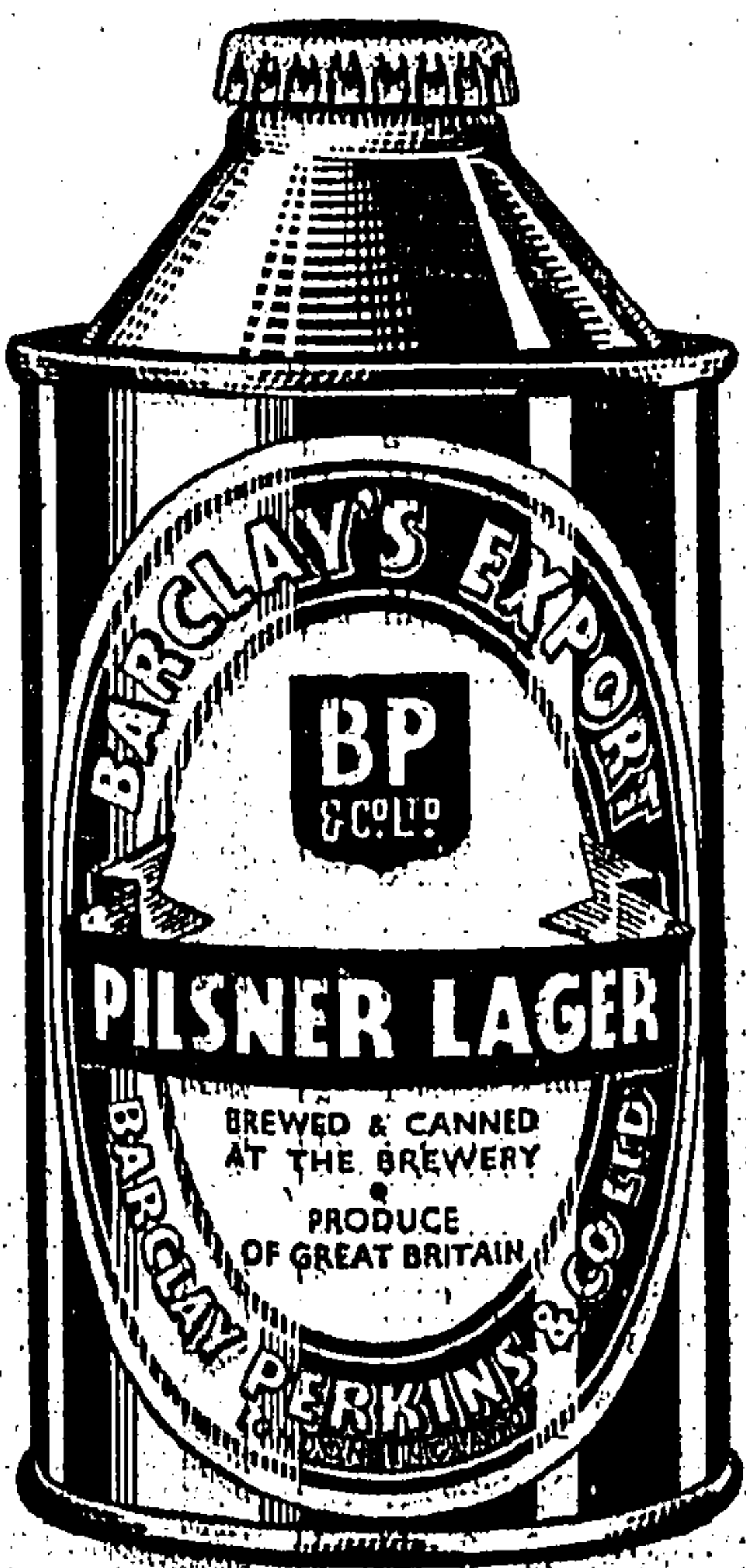
Total 60

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Silva 8 1 25 3
A. R. Alves 6 1 11 3
M. A. Remedios 2 0 7 2
F. J. Remedios 1 0 8 1
A. H. Remedios 6 0 0 1

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THE ONLY REALLY UNEXPECTED RESULT IN YESTERDAY'S PROGRAMME OF LEAGUE FOOTBALL MATCHES WAS THE DEFEAT OF ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS, AT ONE TIME STRONGEST CHALLENGERS TO ROYAL ENGINEERS FOR SECOND DIVISION HONOURS, BY 30TH ROYAL ARTILLERY BY 3 GOALS TO 1.

As a result of this and the Middlesex defeat at the hands of Navy in the same division, South China, who trounced Kowloon by 10 clear goals, are now second in the table with the still unbeaten Royal Engineers' team at the top. Sappers beat Club by nine clear goals.

There were no changes in the standings of the leading teams in the other two divisions. Eastern remain at the head of First Division through a two goal win over Royal Scots.

A weak International defence could not stand against the sustained attacks of Signals and last by the odd goal in three. Signals are now second in the Third Division with the same number of points though they have played more games than Air Force.

FIRST DIVISION

LEE PENALTY SAVED Kowloon 0 S. China 3

The game was very poor and did not come up to expectations, the only redeeming feature being the Kowloon defence, who, despite clever opposing forwards, de-



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—YESTERDAY'S RESULTS & GOAL SCORERS—

FIRST DIVISION					SECOND DIVISION					THIRD DIVISION				
Kowloon	0	S. China	3		Kowloon	0	S. China	10		International	1	Signals	2	
Royal Scots	0	Eastern	2		R.A.O.C.	1	Royal Scots	5		Body (pen.)		Dignam		
Club	1	St. Joseph's	0		Club	0	R. Engineers	9		36th R.A.	3	R. Engineers	2	
Fowler					Middlesex	1	Navy	2		Whitmore	2	N. Jones		
Middlesex	3	Navy	2		30th R.A.	3	R.A.O.C.	1		Evans (pen.)				
Bullen, Saw, Pearson		Phippens	2		30th R.A.	3	R.A.O.C.	1		Shell	2	24th R.A.	5	
					McFarlane		Wickham			Ablong (pen.)		Aldis	3	
					Flanders		Martin			Wan Lok-wan		Chippis		
												Owens		

FIRST DIVISION					SECOND DIVISION					THIRD DIVISION				
P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.					P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.					P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.				
Eastern	14	10	3	1	44	21	3	1	44	21	3	1	44	21
S. China	13	10	2	1	40	13	22			Signals	16	9	4	2
Sing Tao	12	9	2	1	32	17	20			36th R.A.	14	7	2	4
Middlesex	13	6	2	5	30	30	11			24th R.A.	14	7	2	4
Kowloon	11	4	3	4	10	20	11			R.E.s.	14	7	1	3
R. Navy	12	2	5	5	34	34	9			12th R.A.	14	6	5	4
R. Scots	12	2	7	20	29	7				R.A.M.C.	14	7	1	2
Police	11	3	1	7	20	27	7			Internat'l	14	6	2	35
St. Joseph's	13	2	3	8	16	31	7			7th R.A.	14	6	2	35
Club	11	3	1	7	21	38	7			36th R.A.	12	6	3	27
Wah	12	1	4	7	23	36	6			20th R.A.	13	4	3	28

A stumbling block to the Navy attack throughout the game. Time and again his head or feet were there to intercept the clearances of the Navy full-backs, or the passes of the half-backs.

Bright had a good understanding with Saw and Pearson, both of whom were especially prominent in the second half, producing superb football which at times had the Navy defence at sixes and sevens, the situation often being retrieved only by the determined play of Roughly. Both inside men put the finishing touches to a good exhibition by showing the Regiment's second half goals. Little was seen of Comer until the second half, when the winger got the better of Brill, and once looked like netting a certain goal with a terrific ground shot that Robinson did well to hold. Thomas C. also went close on several occasions and against the forwards, only Truscott impressed. He worked tremendously hard in an endeavour to outpace some life into the attack, and had Kowloon possessed two or three forwards with his tenacity they would have secured a more favourable result.

South China were far the more impressive team, displaying good team-work. Even the backs and half-backs combined in attacking movements for Lee Wai-tong to continue the good work towards goal. Tam Kwan-kon, in goal, had a lucky afternoon and was seldom called upon to save, mainly due to the effective manner Tsang Chung-wan and Tse Kam-hung held the Kowloon forwards. Both cleared their charges well and tackled with deadly accuracy, and the halves, Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po, and Lau Chung-sang, displaying clever inter-passing, invariably found their forwards in unmarked positions. Lee Wai-tong was again the brains of the attack. Playing as a fourth half-back, he distributed the ball out to the wings with beautiful low passes. He was instrumental in exploiting this role so effectively that Chan Tak-fai and Chow Man-chi had plenty of space in which to manoeuvre for their shots at goal. Lee Tack-keo was the better of the wingers, he centred strongly on the run and was always dangerous when in possession.

TWO GOOD SAVES
Commencing with 10 men, Kowloon were soon on the defensive and only a lucky clearance by Pereira prevented Chan Tak-fai opening the score. Lapsley was soon called into action and saved a penalty taken by Lee. The Chinese scored when Lee Tack-keo centred for Chan Tak-fai to head into the net well wide of Lapsley. After this reverse Kowloon were reinforced by Ellsley, but this made little difference to their play and the Chinese continued to dominate the exchanges. From centre by Lee Shek-yau, which was beautifully placed to Chan Tak-fai standing a few yards from goal, the centre-forward shot high over the bar to miss a perfect opportunity to increase the lead. Lee Wai-tong, however, made amends just before the interval when he netted with a hard drive from close range.

Nearing the close Lapsley was bombarded with shots from all angles, but he dealt with every one in a capable and efficient manner, until he was eventually beaten when Lamb was penalised for pushing Chan Tak-fai in the penalty area and from the resultant kick Lee Wai-tong netted to complete the scoring.

KOWLOON—Lapsley, Lamb, Ulrich; Eastman, Pereira, Silva; Truscott, Jackson, White, Ellsley and Alves; Chung-sang, Tam Kwan-kon; Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Tack-keo, Chow Man-chi, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong and Lee Shek-yau.

BRIGHT MAN OF THE MATCH
Middlesex 3 Navy 2

The teams were evenly matched in the first half, changing over with the score one each, but after the interval the Regiment got fully into their stride and served up some beautifully executed football to gain the points.

Man of the match was the Di-hards pivot, Bright, who proved

himself. He was always on the alert for any chances that came his way, but he found Hau King-shing and Ng Kee-cheong too formidable a combination to overcome on his own. Cook, at inside-left, worked hard, but Marshall and Garrie missed many golden opportunities of scoring.

Lau Hin-hon, like his opposite number, had scarcely anything to do and was given no opportunity for demonstrating his ability. Ng Kee-cheong was the better of the backs, his delightful clearances often earning the applause of the spectators. In the second half he continually relieved pressure on his lines, and was always master of the opposing wing pair.

Second Half Lapse
In the first half the half-backs never made a mistake, but they fell away badly towards the end of the game, and Hsu King-shing had his work cut out to hold them together.

Hui Man-fai was the brains of the attack and was a constant source of danger to his opponents.

Chung Yung-sung and C. T. Tso gave convincing displays, and these three players were definitely the best forwards on view. At times in the first half they appeared to be able to do just what they liked with the soldiers, but in the second half they became rattled after they had been given offside many times, their quality of football deteriorated.

The game opened with Hui Man-fai receiving the ball and passing to C. T. Tso, who easily beat Bankier, thus placing his side ahead in the first minutes. Bankier was soon called on to save from Hui Man-fai several times, and it was evident that Eastern were on top. They were finding their men with passes, and making full use of their opportunities. Slowly the Royals improved and Hossack went near the mark with a first-half effort that had Lau Hin-hon well beaten but went just inside the post. Eastern, however, kept up the pressure and when Chung Yung-sung headed the ball into the goalmouth Hui Man-fai was there to put it out of Bankier's reach.

Glorious Chance
From the kick-off in the second half Eastern attacked, but Nay-smith and Fraser held the fort. The game swung to the other end, where Marshall should have scored when presented with an easy chance, but he shot over the bar, and came into the picture with a terrific shot that hit the crossbar with Lau Hin-hon well beaten. Shortly after this Lau fumbled a shot from Hossack and Cook had only to tap the ball into an empty net, but in his anxiety he shot wildly over the bar.

ROYAL SCOTS—Bankier; Nay-smith, Fraser; Munro, Falconer, Clark; Garrie, Gordon, Hossack, Cook and Marshall.

EASTERN—Lau Hin-hon; Kong Shing-king, Ng Kee-cheong; C. T. Tso, Hau King-shing, Lo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-sung, Chang Kam-hoi, K. Hui, C. T. Tso and Hau Ching-ku.

EASTERN ESTABLISH WINNING LEAD IN FIRST HALF AND THEN FALTER

A CLEAR-CUT FIRST HALF SUPERIORITY, DURING WHICH PERIOD THEY SCORED THE TWO GOALS OF THE MATCH, GAVE EASTERN VICTORY OVER ROYAL SCOTS IN THEIR FIRST DIVISION FOOTBALL ENCOUNTER AT 500-KUNPOO YESTERDAY.

Although the game was always interesting, and at times exciting, the high standard of football expected from these two teams was not produced. Eastern must be thankful that they were able to take advantage of their opportunities in the first half, when they faced a disjointed team, for in the second half the soldiers had them continually on the run, and only poor finishing prevented them from reversing the result.

Time and again Falconer, Nay-smith and Fraser would send the ball down the field to their forwards, only to see chances frittered away by slowness in front of goal or very poor shooting. Bankier, in goal for the Royals, did with his usual skill and coolness. In the second half he saved brilliantly from Hau Ching-ku and Chang Kam-hoi, and the two shots that beat him would have beaten any goalkeeper.

Nay-smith and Fraser shared the honours in defence, both giving excellent performances. Their kicking of the ball was always clean and deliberate, and they were directly responsible for penning the Chinese in their own half during the second half of the game.

Falconer, at centre-half, started shakily, but improved as the game progressed. Of the forwards only Hossack gave a satisfactory account of himself.

Wards useful assistance, while still holding in check what forward moves International made. Bundy also shone at inside-left.

International's best forward was L. Koch, but he was playing as an individual, receiving very little assistance from his teammates.

EVANS AT BEST
R.E. 2 36th R.A. 3

The key to the winners' victory lay in the hands of Evans, the centre-half, who gave a sterling display. His colleagues in the back division gave him every support and a special word of praise must be given Todd. Amongst the forwards Whitmore was the best on view, but he too was ably supported by Burgess, who was the instigator of many fine movements.

For the losing Lu Kun-bo was outstanding and had it not been for his brilliant tackling, the result would not have been so close.

ELUSIVE ATKINS
Shell 2 24th Battery 5

The more thrush tactics and better combination of the Gunner spread eagled right from the commencement of the game, and on the few occasions that the Shell forwards looked at all dangerous Dainty and Greig proved fully capable of dealing with the situation. Both these players cleared cleanly and strongly.

Atkins was the pick of the forwards, his strong kicking and clever footwork being a pleasure to watch. With Owens in the centre he was an ever present danger to the Shell defence. Ng Tse-tat, in goal for Shell, made some good saves, and considering the fact that his full backs were very weak and frequently out of position, he gave a very good display. Cheung Lu-chung, in the pivotal position, worked very hard trying to get his forwards going, but he had very little support for his efforts.

Pick of the Navy defence was O'Regan. He rarely let a forward get room to swing his leg in a task in which he was well aided by Barnes and Birrell, Jennings certainly had chances, but, with little room in which to shoot, invariably lost the ball when trying to work above the Defence. Barnes and McEachran gave their leader good support, being prominent both in midfield and in front of goal. McEachran netting the Di-hards' only goal and Barnes sending Hockey full-length to snare a half-drive.

MIDDLESEX—Mab; Overy, Revell; Palnithu, Blackburn, Blundon; Matthews, Davies, Jennings; McEachran and Whitehouse.

NAVY—Hockey; Warner, Birrell; Earl, O'Regan, Dainty, Murray, Kelly, Wilkins, Allison and Stewart.

THIRD DIVISION
SIGNALS AGAIN WIN
International 1 Signals 2

On their present form Signals are well above the Division standard, and compare favourably with teams in higher Leagues. Leading 1-0 at half-time, they were excellent value for their win. Mak Yun-pan, the international goalkeeper, was in brilliant form and it was solely due to his superb efforts that the final result was only 2-1 in favour of the Signalmen.

Brackenberry, the winners' centre-forward, led his line with fine judgement, feeding in forwards with timely and well-placed passes and continually menacing the opposing defence. In the Signals' rear division Purry gave a sterling display, giving his for-

ward support for his efforts.

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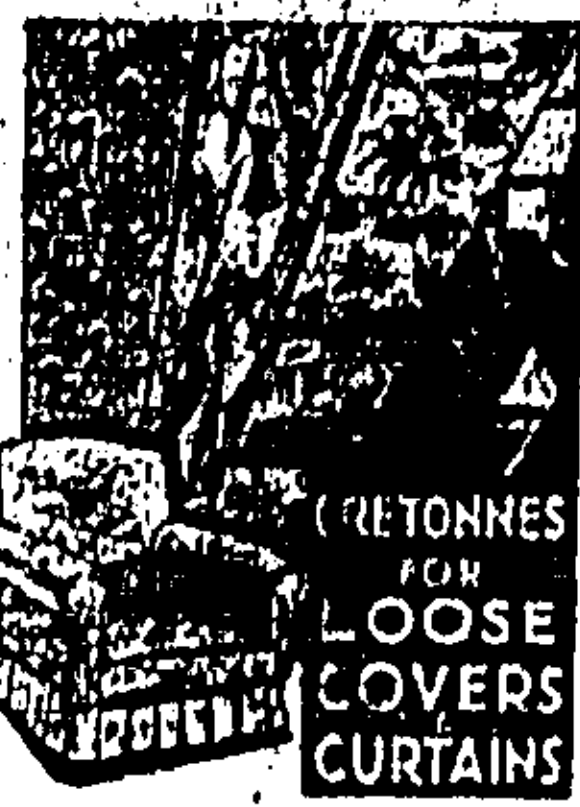
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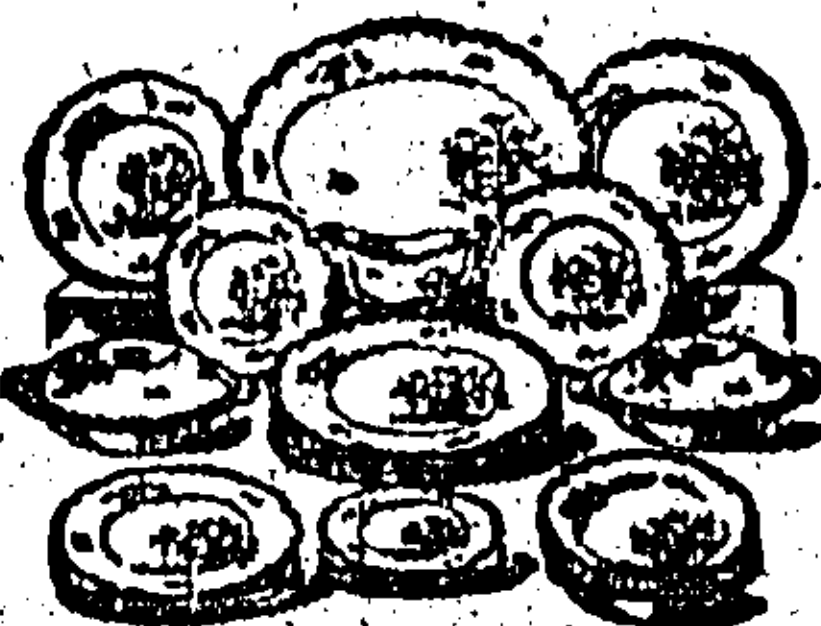
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ULTIMATUM TO VICHY?

Critical Developments Reported Pending In France
Full Occupation
And Petain Flight
PredictedHEAVY TOLL
BY SHIPS'
A.A. GUNS

The anti-aircraft guns of British and Allied ships have taken a heavy toll of enemy aircraft since the war began, it was announced in London yesterday.

Altogether 192 Nazi planes are known to have been shot down by ship's guns, 92 were believed brought down and another 100 damaged. —Reuter.

ITALIAN
INVITATION
TO EIRE

While the German press has warned the United States not to send ships to Eire, Italy has assured Eire that if she should be "forced to defend herself against British tyranny and aggression" she will receive full support from the Axis.

Rome wireless on Friday night described Mr. de Valera's Christmas message as putting "the present situation between Britain and Eire in a proper light."

Commenting on Mr. de Valera's reference to the possibility of a crisis which might throw his people into a struggle for their liberty, the announcer added that words were uttered "by the leader of a small neutral State whose only crime against the British people appears to be the possession of certain geographical advantages which would suit the British Admiralty in their fight against the Axis powers."

The announcer declared that should Eire be forced to defend herself against Britain "they will have at their command the full and whole-hearted support of the Axis powers." —Reuter.

BRITISH
ASSETS
IN U.S.

United States Treasury experts have completed a preliminary audit of British resources in America.

This, according to information in authoritative sources in Washington yesterday, has disclosed that Britain will run out of cash to pay for purchases in the United States early in the autumn of 1941.

A more detailed study of the British Treasury's balance sheet is now under way.

It was stated in well-informed quarters that this analysis is being made to determine as precisely as possible British capacity to pay for purchases in the United States and the probable date when available cash in America will become exhausted. —Reuter.

PRINCE PAUL IN
FRONT LINES

PRINCE PAUL OF GREECE RECEIVED AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION YESTERDAY WHEN HE VISITED GREEK TROOPS ON THE ALBANIAN FRONT.

He inspected military hospitals and met a Greek column on the march.

When offered a captured Italian revolver by a Greek N.C.O., Prince Paul told him to keep it as a souvenir.

The N.C.O. replied: "Keep it, Your Highness, I'm sure to get another."

Prince Paul, according to an Italian radio broadcast, had been directed because he favoured acceptance of the Italian demands. —Reuter.

REPORTS FROM various quarters suggesting that critical developments are pending in relations between the Nazis and the Vichy Government are prominently reproduced in the Press.

Observers in London with access to reliable sources of information are inclined to treat the reports, such as that an extension of the German occupation is imminent or that Marshal Petain and his colleagues contemplate leaving Vichy for French North Africa, with considerable reserve.

Nazi policy towards the Vichy Government has always permitted rapid alternations of blandishment and menace and all evidence points to the tendency since the eclipse of Laval of there being more of threats and less ofattery in the Nazi mode of address towards the Vichy Government.

This may reflect disappointment at the failure of hopes which some Nazi circles, perhaps encouraged by Laval's entourage, had built up of obtaining from conquered France a complaisance and collaboration which Marshal Petain and his colleagues could not and compatible with French honour or interest.

Financial Burden

It is perhaps significant that at the same time as the Nazis are making demands under threat, German propaganda in France is at pains to exculpate the Germans from the charge of having brought distress and want to France.

The truth is that not only is France bearing an immense financial burden in paying for the German occupation and having to deprive her population of essential foods to feed the forces of occupation but costly needed supplies are being systematically taken from France to be exported to Germany.

Diplomatic circles in London are disinclined to hazard any views as to the outcome of the present phase of the special strain between the Vichy Government and the Nazi conquerors.

Nazi Pressure

There is no doubt the Nazis are in a position to exert very strong pressure but on the other hand the situation contains a number of elements which should enable Marshal Petain and his colleagues to resist, and those who have followed developments in France since Compiègne will be keenest interested in those who express the most doubt whether the Nazis will secure the acquiescence of the Vichy Government now for terms and conditions going much beyond those of the armistice itself. —British Wireless.

More Threats

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

The German method of dealing with Vichy appears to alternate between blandishments and threats and at present it would appear they are resorting more to threats than to flattery.

There is no official confirmation in London, however, that Germany has recently made any specific demand, and what Germany hopes to gain by these threats is a matter for speculation.

It may be the Nazi leaders are disappointed that the French have recently shown no very great disposition to make further concessions or yield to requests or demands to which they feel Germany is not entitled under the armistice terms.

It is pointed out in London that German propaganda recently has taken a new line having at least merited for originality, namely that the shortage of foodstuffs supplies in France is due to a deliberate manoeuvre by the Vichy Government.

Opposed To Facts

Germany has claimed that her own army in occupied France relies almost entirely on supplies from the Reich. It is known this is entirely opposed to the facts.

The Germans are undoubtedly exploiting France most thoroughly, not only charging the Vichy Government hundreds of millions sterling for the cost of the German army of occupation but also taking away to Germany enormous quantities of food supplies and other commodities which the French badly need. —Reuter.

FLAT
REJECTION
REPORTED

Yesterday's London newspapers speculated on the possible outcome of alleged German demands for an "ultimatum" to the Vichy Government.

Some assert that Marshal Petain flatly refused the demands and he and his Government are prepared to move to North Africa if the Germans attempt to occupy the remainder of France, or insist that the French fleet be handed over to the Axis.

Hitherto there is no confirmation of these reports but most commentators agree that Marshal Petain will consent to economic cooperation with Germany but is unlikely to go further along the road of military collaboration.

Message For Hitler

Meanwhile, according to well-informed circles in Vichy, when Admiral Darlan went to Paris this week he took a message for Hitler from Marshal Petain concerning Franco-German cooperation.

This is according to the Vichy correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Neue Zürcher Zeitung," who adds that the nature of the proposals has not been divulged.

The correspondent states Marshal Petain is considering the formation of an Inner Cabinet consisting of Pierre-Étienne Flandin, Admiral Darlan, and General Huntziger. —Reuter.

AND A
SAILOR'S
FAREWELL

The conviction that the Mediterranean will be freed of all enemy activity during next year was expressed by the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, in a message to the Chief of the Greek Naval Staff, Admiral Sakellarios, yesterday.

The message was in reply to telegraphed wishes from Admiral Sakellarios to Admiral Cunningham on behalf of the officers and men of the Greek Navy — "A merry Christmas and a happy New Year, that will see the achievement of our common war aims."

Admiral Cunningham replied: "The course of the New Year will deliver us both completely from all enemy activity in the Mediterranean." —Reuter.

MELBOURNE'S
GIFT TO LONDON

THE LORD MAYOR OF MELBOURNE YESTERDAY SENT £19,000 TO THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON'S AIR RAID DISTRESS FUND. This is the sixth gift from Melbourne to the big fund since the outbreak of the war. The sum of £2,000 has been received from Egypt for the fund. —Reuter.

UNREST IN
JAPAN, SAYS
MOSCOW

The Moscow newspaper "Trud" yesterday reported that the Japanese population are becoming more discontented daily and there is growing opposition to the present regime.

Economic and food conditions in Japan, says the paper, are becoming more serious. —Reuter.

THREE
GEORGE
CROSSES

AWARDS ANNOUNCED IN THE "LONDON GAZETTE" YESTERDAY INCLUDE THREE GEORGE CROSSES, FOUR GEORGE MEDALS AND TWO BRITISH EMPIRE MEDALS — ONE TO LEADING W.R.E.N. NINA MARSH.

"For gallant and successful service in destroying the Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni" two officers gain the D.S.O., two the D.S.C. and six ratings the D.S.M. All these officers and ratings are from H.M.A.S. Sydney.

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DOGFIGHT
IN KENYA
WAR ZONE

FIGHTER AIRCRAFT OF A SOUTH AFRICAN SQUADRON INTERCEPTED TWO ITALIAN AIRCRAFT OF THE CR.2 TYPE NEAR GEDAREF AND SHOT ONE DOWN IN FLAMES. IT WAS STATED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

A Rhodesian squadron bombed and machine-gunned Italian positions in the neighbourhood of Kassala.

Bombs fell in the target area but the full extent of damage and casualties is not known.

Recording these facts the communiqué also says: "Our bombers raided Asaba, bombs straddling military stores and large transport yards. There was little activity in the Western Desert on Friday. Reconnaissance flights were made and our fighters maintained active offensive patrols without engaging any Italian aircraft." —Reuter.

CHUNGKING
ARMY OF OVER
THREE MILLIONS

MUCH INTEREST has been aroused in Chungking by the statement of the Chinese military spokesman that during the coming year the principal task of the Chinese army will be to intensify all necessary preparations for an eventual Chinese counter-offensive against the Japanese army in China.

Though giving no details, the spokesman described the year 1941 as "China's year of counter-offensive and victory."

The spokesman stated China's army had increased to over 3,000,000 regulars and over 1,000,000 men in mobile units, while a vast number of new troops are at present under training.

With the development of armament industries in the interior, the spokesman declared, the Chinese army to-day is better equipped than ever before.

Despite some increase of Japanese strength in the vicinity of Canton, the spokesman doubted if the Japanese would launch any major operation in northern Kwangtung province. —Reuter.

THREE
PER CENT
WAR

Commenting on the Chancellor of the Exchequer's announcement on Friday night of the issue of two new Government securities, the "Daily Telegraph" writes: "This latest issue serves once again to emphasise the strictness with which the authorities are adhering to their principle of a '3% war.'"

It is, moreover a gratifying sign of the present state of public confidence that Government credit stands to-day fairly substantially higher than a year ago.

Since the start of the great savings campaign shortly after the outbreak of war the rate of saving, as indicated by the volume of investment in Government loans has astonished some of the prophets. Nevertheless the investor must greatly surpass previous efforts.

In the quarter now closing the average rate of national expenditure has risen to £11,750,000 daily.

If this rate is merely maintained, total expenditure for the financial year will be about £3,750,000,000 or £300,000,000 more than estimated in the July Budget.

Defence and A.R.P. alone will have cost about three thousand million which is fifty per cent more than foreshadowed.

That shows how enormous is the expansion in the cost of war in this comparatively short period and there is no sign that we have yet approached the limit. —British Wireless.

NAZI PLANE OVER
MERSEYSIDE

A solitary German plane flew at a great height over the Merseyside area yesterday afternoon. Anti-aircraft defences opened fire and the raider disappeared. —Reuter.

domestic quarrels to interfere with the effort to win the war against the enemy of all mankind. He appealed for a statement promising Dominion status to India within two years, and added: "India needs Dominion status of the Westminster variety." —Reuter.

INDIA'S
LIBERALS
AND WAR

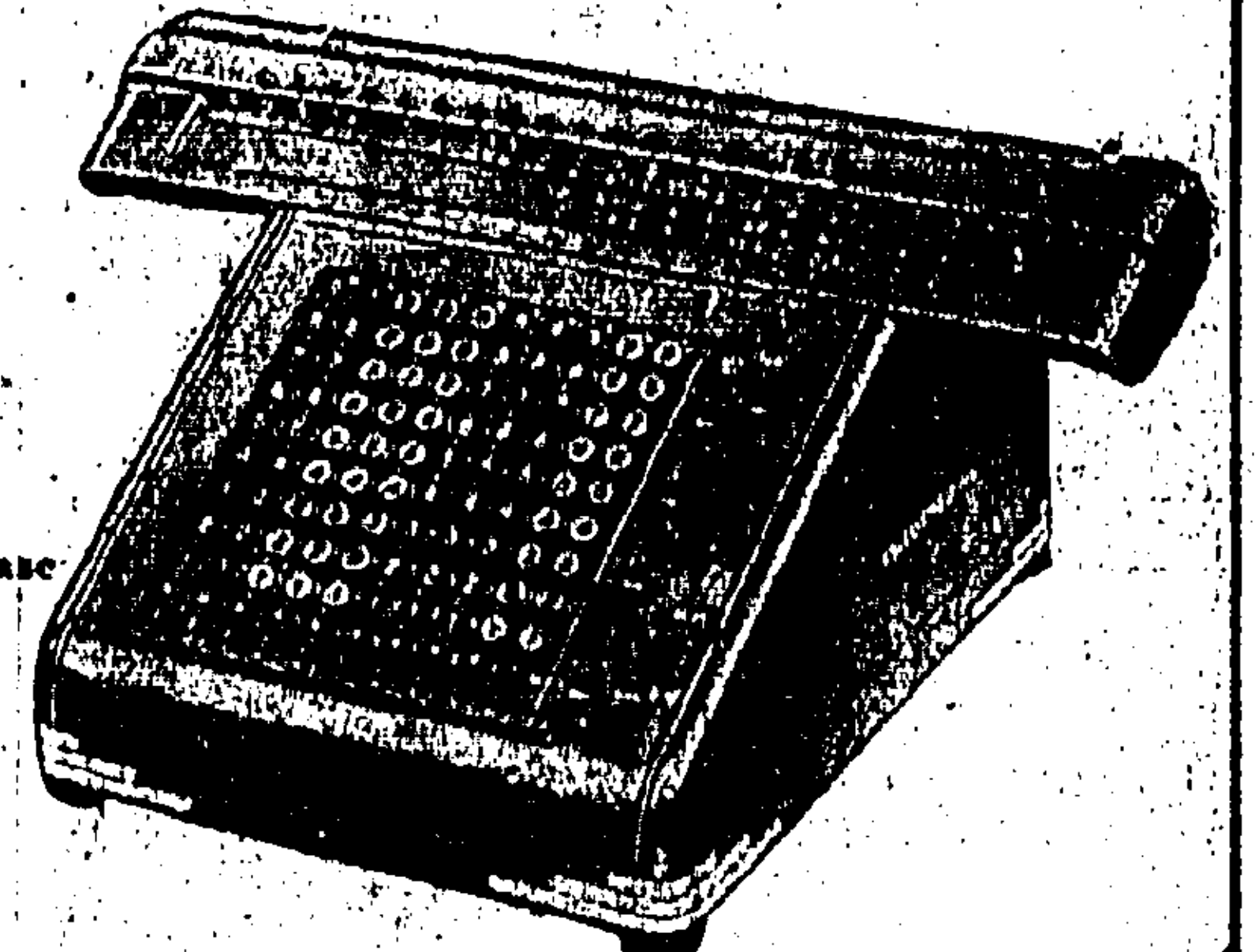
THE PRESIDENT OF THE INDIAN NATIONAL LIBERAL FEDERATION DECLARED IN CALCUTTA YESTERDAY THAT "THIS WAR IS AS MUCH OURS AS BRITAIN'S."

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UNDER THE SNOW

By
Howard R. Garis



ALL of a sudden it began to snow so hard that Johnnie and Billie Bushytail could hardly see each other. The wind almost blew them down and it was so cold they shivered even if they did have on their warm, fur, squirrel coats.

"Keep tight hold of the sled rope!" called Billie to his brother. "I will. And you do the same!" advised Johnnie. "We don't want to lose each other in this storm, the way Friskie is lost!"

"Do you think she is lost?" asked Billie. He had to shout to make himself heard above the noise of the storm. Yet his brother Johnnie was close beside him.

"I guess Friskie must be lost," said Johnnie. "She left Jennie Chipmunk's house to go ahead of us and we didn't meet her. Yes, I'm afraid Friskie is lost."

Lost Also

"Well, she isn't much worse off than we are," said Billie.

"Do you mean we are lost?" asked Johnnie.

"It seems so," went on his brother. "You don't know which way home is, do you?"

"No, I don't," Johnnie had to admit.

"Well, I don't either," said Billie. "And if that isn't being lost I don't know what is!"

"Oh, dear!" said Johnnie, his

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teeth chattered with the cold. "We should have gone for Friskie earlier. Then she wouldn't have started home by herself and we wouldn't be caught in the storm." "It's too late to think of that now," said Billie.

"Yes, I guess it is," admitted Johnnie. "Oh, but I am cold and hungry!" he went on. "Being lost isn't as bad as being cold and hungry, is it, Billie?"

"No, I don't guess it is. But we must keep on going. Daddy told us if we were ever lost in a storm to keep on going. Moving around keeps you warm. If you stop and lie down in the snow you may freeze. So come along! We must keep moving!"

"I wonder where Friskie is?" said Billie.

"I don't know," answered his brother. "Don't speak about her! It makes me want to cry! Poor Friskie! Lost alone in the storm!"

"Now don't cry," advised Billie. "If you cry, your tears will freeze into little round balls of ice. They will be salty little blocks of ice, too. So don't cry."

Smells Something

"I—I won't," promised Johnnie bravely. "Maybe," he said when the two had tramped along through the snow a little farther, "maybe we could make a little shelter house out of the sled. The snow would draft over it if we set it up on edge. And we could lie down near it and get warm."

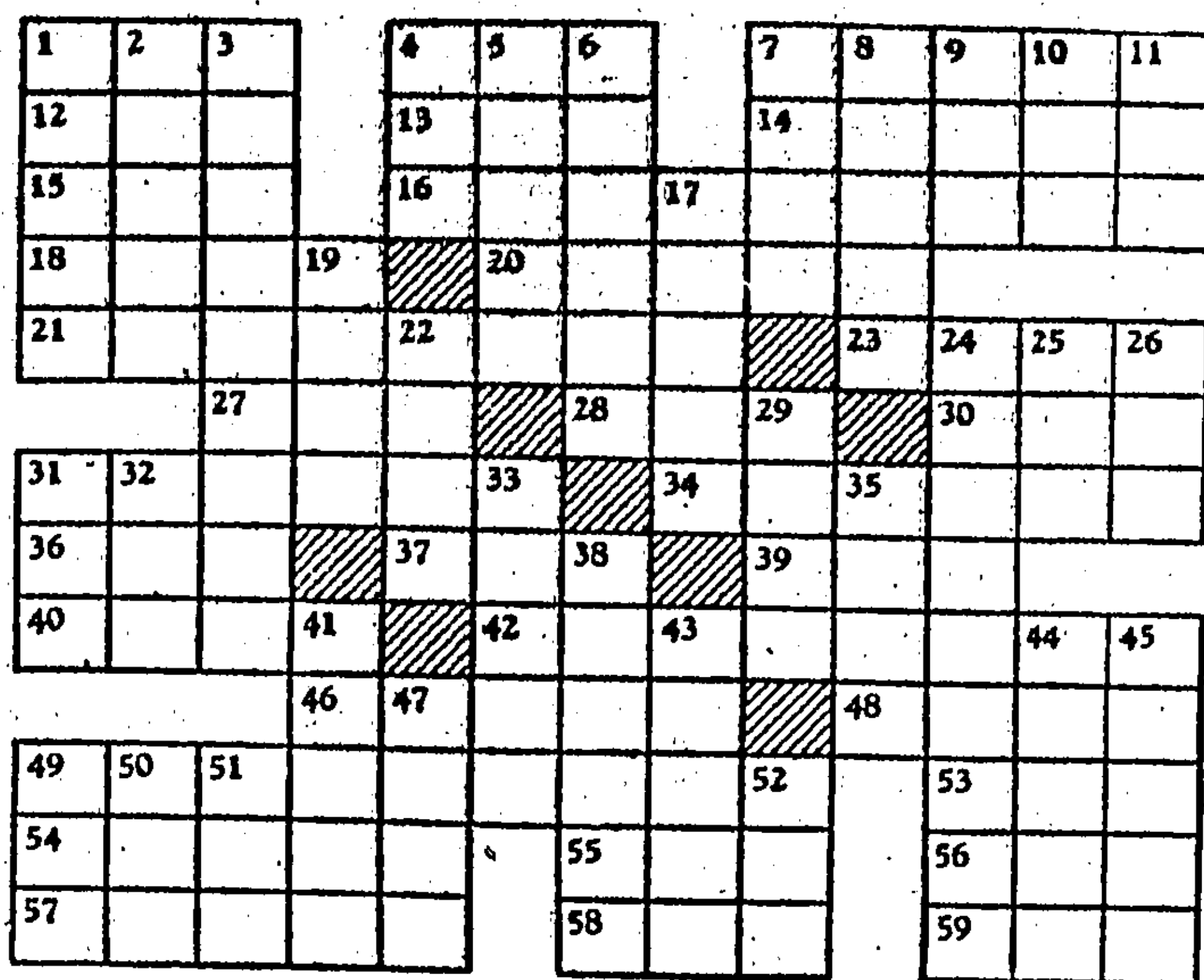
DOG ROCKS CRADLE

When a baby in the household of R. L. Garner awoke and began to cry, the family dog, a poodle named Dash, went to the child's cradle, and standing on his hind feet, rocked the cradle with his front paws. He also whined softly, uttering low, reassuring barks. In a few moments the child dozed off.

Dash had never been taught any such procedure. He had evidently observed how the baby was put to sleep, and had connected cause and effect. After his first success, the dog continued to rock to sleep two later children in the family.

The dog that rocks the cradle is the dog that rules out many a high-sounding theory of instinctive animal behaviour.—Coronet, Chicago.

SUNDAY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Vehicle
- 4 Former Turkish officer
- 7 Colloquial: large amphibious mammal
- 12 Japanese rice paste
- 13 French article
- 14 Pertaining to Arlus
- 15 A kind of foam
- 16 Offensive impertinence
- 18 Roman highway
- 20 To mature
- 21 Native of Bali
- 23 Noted Italian family
- 27 Card game
- 28 To attempt
- 30 Equality
- 31 Son of Poseidon
- 34 Pertaining to the Muses
- 36 Exclamation of joy
- 37 Arabian shrub
- 39 To hurry
- 40 Brings forth
- 42 Obscurity

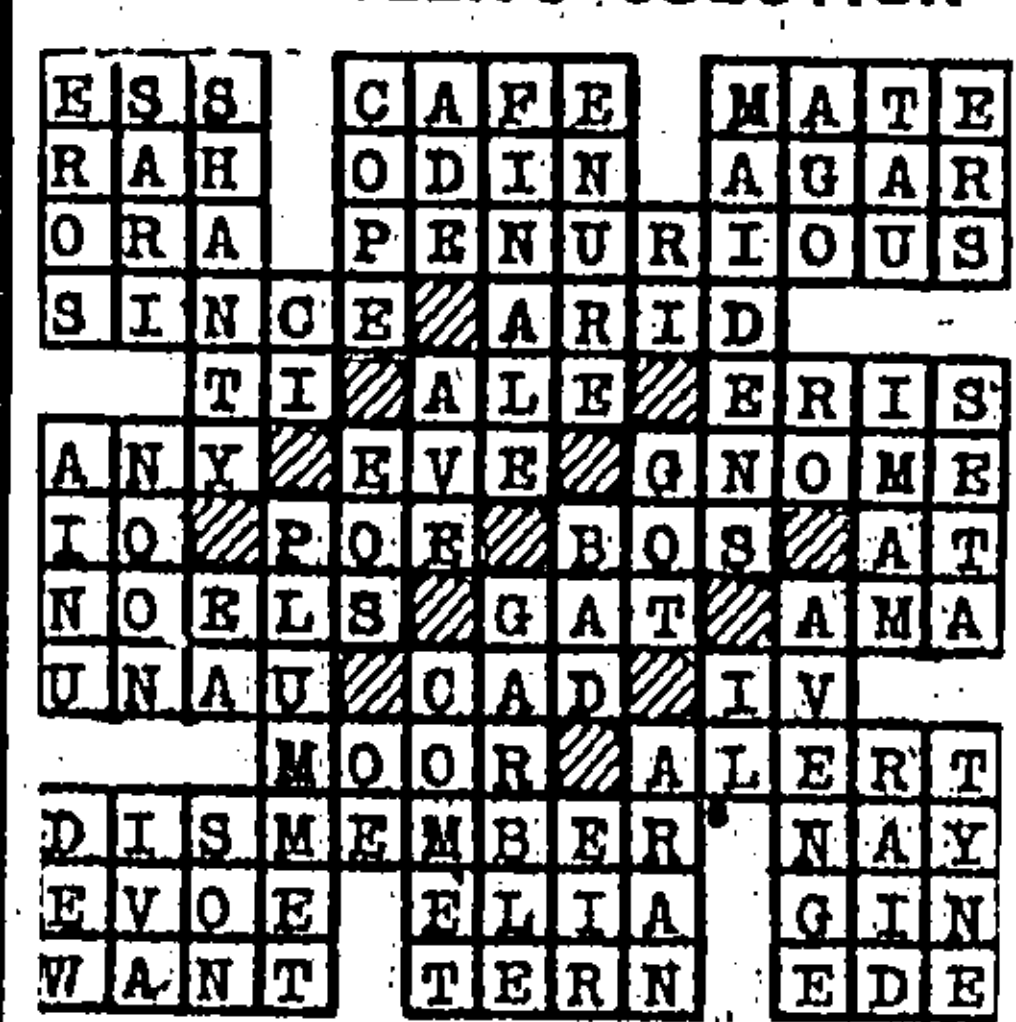
VERTICAL

- 1 Large humming-bird
- 2 Character in Virgil's "Aeneid"
- 3 Uprising
- 4 Moslem name
- 5 Type
- 6 To aid
- 7 Healthy

8 Goddess of peace

- 9 To fasten
- 10 Moccasin
- 11 Unit
- 17 Musical drama
- 19 Outbreak
- 22 Cranny
- 24 Lacking courage
- 25 Japanese pagoda
- 26 Sea eagle
- 29 English cathedral city
- 31 Article
- 32 Kiwi
- 33 Lowest point
- 35 Residents of a convent
- 38 Covered with a black sticky substance
- 41 Strongboxes
- 43 Old English ballad
- 44 Reddish brown
- 45 To sway
- 47 Marshes
- 49 Edible seed
- 50 Butting animal
- 51 Greek letter
- 52 Tribe of Israel

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



ELY CULBERTSON ON:— CONTRACT BRIDGE

FEW things are more annoying than to have one's own partner tumble into the trap that has been set for the opponents. In a recent New York duplicate game, bitter recriminations followed the ridiculous "interference bid" that upset the apple cart in the following situation:

North, dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
Match-point duplicate.

NORTH
S—A 10 6
H—8 3
D—K 8 5 4 3
C—A 8 5

WEST
S—K Q 7 5
H—A Q J
D—Q 10 9 2
C—K 10

EAST
S—J 9 4 3
H—9 2
D—6
C—Q 7 6 4 3 2

SOUTH
S—8 2
H—K 10 7 6 5 4
D—A J 7
C—J 9

The bidding:
North East South West
1 dia. Pass 1 heart Pass
1 no tr'p 2 clubs [1] 2 hearts
Double 4 clubs Pass 3 no tr'p
Double Pass Pass Pass

As may be seen from the above bidding, West laid a trap from the moment that he heard the opposing bids. He knew that South's one heart bid [over which West had such a fortunate position] would act as a force on the opening bidder, and was prepared to double the opponents the moment it appeared they were going to stop bidding. West was figuratively licking his chops when he heard North's no-trump response to the one heart, but this pleasurable mental pastime was abruptly interrupted by East's two club bid. The last person that West expected to hear from in this bidding sequence was his own partner! West knew that East could not have enough for a legitimate overcall and was thoroughly disgusted when East took it upon himself to start "flag flying" operations. South's heart rebid also came as a surprise, but instead of doubling, as he had intended to do, West now had to solve the problem created by his partner's two club

bid. Before that bid West had concluded that East must have a very bad hand and that there was no "future" for East-West except along defensive lines. But now West mentally placed East with an absolute minimum of five or six clubs to the queen-jack and either the king of diamonds or the jack-ten of spades. With a hold of that type, three no-trump probably would be a laydown, whereas two hearts doubled might escape with a two trick penalty. Thus West decided to go out for his own game. To his absolute astonishment, he heard his three no-trump bid promptly doubled by North and just as promptly rescued by East. From that time on, West lost most of his interest in the proceedings.

Having stumbled over his own feet and runed his own partner's bidding coup, East now proceeded to mess up the play in a manner quite befitting his bidding technique. South opened the diamond ace, then shifted to a spade. North could have insured the defeat of the contract, either by winning with the spade ace and returning a spade, or by holding up the spade ace, in either case later giving his partner a spade ruff. But when North actually won with the spade ace and laid down the diamond king, the contract was as good as home—if declarer had

played bridge. East ruffed the diamond king and led a club toward dummy. At this point all that was necessary was to put in dummy's club ten, but East couldn't see it that way. He went up with the king; North won with the ace and returned a spade. Now there was no way to shut out the club eight from the setting trick, that is, the queen dropped South's jack and dummy's ten, but thereby promoted the eight to winning rank. Obviously, if declarer, upon ruffing the second diamond trick, had nessed to dummy's club ten, he could have held the opponents to one club trick and thereby fulfilled his remarkable contract. Even if he had, however, he would not have wiped out the stigma of his own horrible two club bid.

Job-Getting Stunt

STRANDED! HELP!—We've all heard of job-getting stunts, but here's one that takes the cake. A young man wrote 81 notes, mailed them in 81 bottles to 81 advertising agencies. The notes read: "Stranded! ... on an island in Cambridge ... a college graduate ... Will work like h— for passage into port ... Have you room in the hold for a man who can prove he's worth his salt?" P.S. It worked. — Vocational Trends, Chicago.

Fredrick Fisher, Conductor and Director of The National Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, who will feature in "The Blue Danube Waltz," a special short subject which is to be shown at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, in conjunction with the film "French Without Tears."

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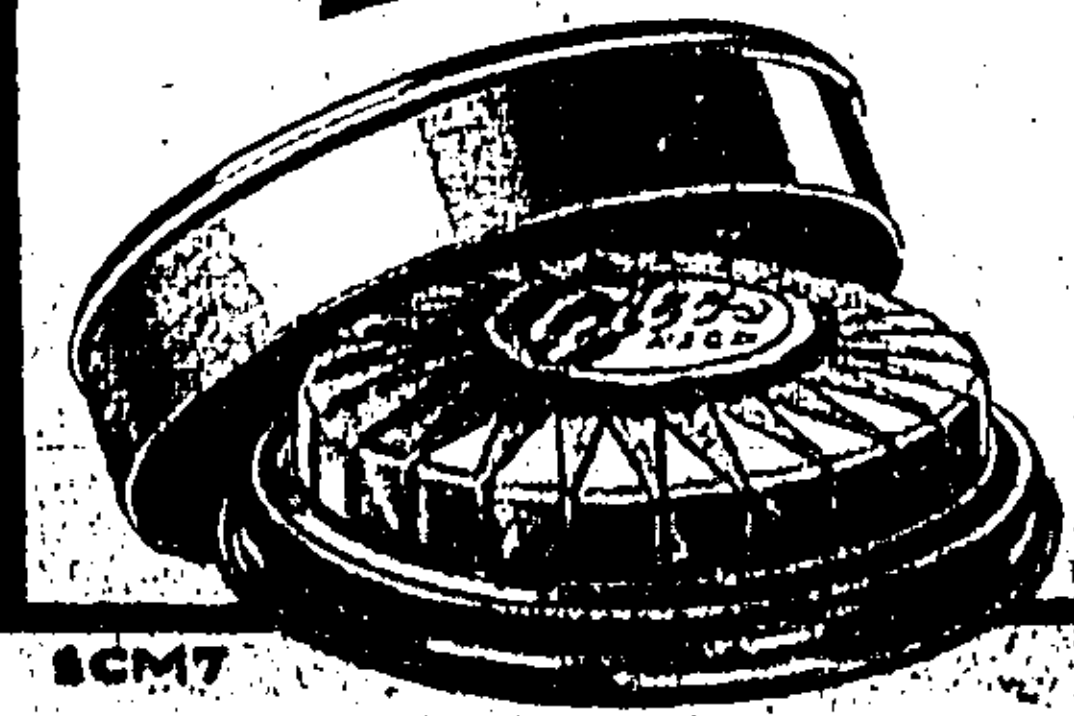
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Comfortable Clothes Give Poise

As the social season is now on in full swing it's a good time to have a little informal chat with you about your wardrobe.

You realise, of course, that you cannot be well poised and attractive unless you are entirely unconscious of what you are wearing. By that I mean, if what you are wearing is uncomfortable in its fit, unbecoming in colour or inappropriate for the time and occasion, you are likely to feel and act a bit self-conscious. Once you do that, your poise goes out the window!

When you plan your wardrobe buy clothes that suit your type of beauty. If you are a tailored type then stick to the more simple and elegant lines of tailored clothes. Key your accessories to these dresses and coats and concentrate on colours which flatter you. Why wear the current Indian penny shade if it drains your skin of its natural beauty? Select instead a soft green which ADDS to your skin beauty.

You should always wear your clothes with a casual air. Never never be conscious that you are all dressed up! Act as if you have worn your newest dress a thousand times. It is part of you—it shouldn't detract from your poise—it should help your poise.

Bizarre For Few

Unless you are a histrionic personality, and like to show off a bit, steer clear of the bizarre in clothing. Extreme styles require a lot of play acting to carry them off well. If you are a demure little soul bizarre styles will swallow you up—all people will see are

the clothes you wear! Women who have little else to do other than to dress up and parade can wear the more extreme fashions. They can also discard them the moment they tire of them, which most of us cannot do.

Keep Accessories In Order

Naturally, if you go out wearing soiled gloves, a wrinkled collar or a messy handbag, you will not feel comfortable, so why not keep all your accessories in order. When you take off your gloves wash them immediately or put them in the bathroom to remind you to do so the next free moment. Don't ever hang up a dress which needs a change of lingerie or a pressing. Brush your coats and suits well before putting them in the closet. Press your hat voils when you press your other things, and once in a while clean all your hat bands. Your handbags can take a cleaning once in a while too, especially inside!

All these little things done give you a sure feeling. You can go anywhere, meet anyone and still feel poised providing you are as meticulously groomed as your clothing.

And remember, too, if you do not buy many clothes you should take time to shop carefully. How many times have you rushed to get a hat or dress, worn it and regretted you had not waited? All of us have done that. You resolve not to do it. Your poise is more important than one new thing to wear. You can feel and act regal in old clothes if they suit you and are kept in good condition.



Mitzi Gould of CBS is very trim in her tailored suit and cooky hat with its soft flowing veil. She selected triangle calfkin bag as an appropriate accessory.

Homemaker's Diary - - -

PIE crust dough left in the ice box for a few hours or, better still, overnight will make a much flakier crust. When adding a filling to a previously baked pie shell, add a warm filling if the shell is cold, cool the filling before putting it in.

A design may be made on the top of cake by laying a paper doily over it and sprinkling it generously with powdered sugar.

Short-stemmed flowers are more easily arranged and last longer if placed in a bowl of moist sand.

Bananas dipped in lemon juice after peeling will not become discoloured.

Salt sprinkled in the bottom of a frying pan will prevent grease from spattering when hot. Wipe out frying pans with a cloth dipped in vinegar to remove the smell of fish and onions.

Before washing the kitchen windows, wipe them with facial cleansing tissues to absorb any grease and prevent spotting.

Saddle soap, followed by a clear water rinse, cleans leather upholstery and leaves it free from stickiness.

Never run the vacuum cleaner over loose tacks or other metal objects on the floor. They may puncture the dust bag.

When making sandwiches, use bread that is one day old and cut the slices thin. If the sandwiches are to be kept long, wrap them in a dampened cheese-cloth and pack in a tight, closed box.

When painting ceilings or the under sides of shelves, insert the paintbrush through half of a large rubber ball. The rubber cup will catch the paint as it runs down the brush.

Store chocolate and cocoa in a cool, dry place to prevent important oils from deteriorating.

Soda, applied with a damp cloth, will remove tea, coffee and other stains from china.

To make a sundae, top vanilla ice cream with Chocolate Velvet Ice Cream Sauce, which is made with:

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2 squares unsweetened chocolate
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1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Melt chocolate and marshmallows together in the top of a double boiler with the half cup of water. Add sugar, salt and vanilla, and let the mixture cool.

Fashion's Newest Silhouette Is Slim Of Hip, More Slender Diaphragm

If the United States has become the fashion centre of the world, every American woman must at once embrace a hip-reducing midriff-slimming exercise programme to keep in the fashion race.

Our designers have long itched to create clothes for the straighter, stream-lined silhouette which figure-conscious Americans have definitely made famous. As our French sister was more interested in a soignée appearance than a beautiful figure, American women had to accept clothes designed for

Yes, the boyish hip contour has become a settled note, and none of us should be dismayed at that news, for no one can deny that the most beautiful line of the feminine form is the softly curving one from the waist, down the thigh to the knee. If that line grows bulgy, figure beauty is lost!

Hip Slimming Suggestion

Sitting many hours in chairs and cars is likely to make rear hip muscles grow soft and spread, and although walking does help to keep these hip muscles firm, one has to walk at least three miles each day to get the same results that specific calisthenics accomplish in twenty minutes a day. So don't sit, exercise!

And do not avoid stair-climbing. Walk upstairs with a spring in your step as if the muscles of your legs and thighs are willing and eager to carry you up. Come down with poise and don't look as if you expect to trip on each stair and tumble down!

Remember that food control has a great deal to do with hip control. If you overeat you grow lethargic and haven't the will to move about as much as you should so naturally the pounds settle around your midriff and hips.

Dancing helps to keep thigh muscles in trim and legs slim. Dance whenever you can with a partner and at other times by yourself about a room to the music of the radio. Kick high and dip and pretend you are Irene Castle or Ginger Rogers. Dancing also keeps you graceful.

When you pick up things about the house stoop through the thighs by bending your knees instead of bending your body over from the waist. That is a good hip conditioning exercise. One famous actress scatters pillow feathers about the room and stoops down countless times to pick them up.

Resolve to exercise, to walk, to roll, to bump. You can reduce your hips and thighs through exercise if you are persistent. Don't expect refashioning to take place in a week's time—it will take a month or two of diligent exercising to get your body contoured in pleasing lines. But how fine one feels to slip into a dress two sizes smaller, and to walk lightly instead of jerking along on overweighted limbs!

Both air baths and salt baths are reducing so exercise without clothing and take a salt bath once a week providing your doctor does not object.



Ann Miller neatly models one of the newest suits which requires a slender silhouette stressed by fashion authorities.

French figures, but now all that has changed. The recent New York openings made it apparent that American designers are going to design clothes for the fashionable American figure and that is, my pets, proudly slim!

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Unit of Shamsulpo Division of A.R.P. Wardens marching to the parade ground.

Manufacturers Exhibition

The fourth annual exhibition of China products organised by the Chinese Manufacturers' Union of Hong Kong was opened by His Excellency the Acting Governor at Nathan Road last Sunday. (Photographs by Kahn).



H.E. Lieut.-General E. F. Norton replying to the welcoming address made by Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, Chairman of the Chinese Manufacturers' Union of Hong Kong.

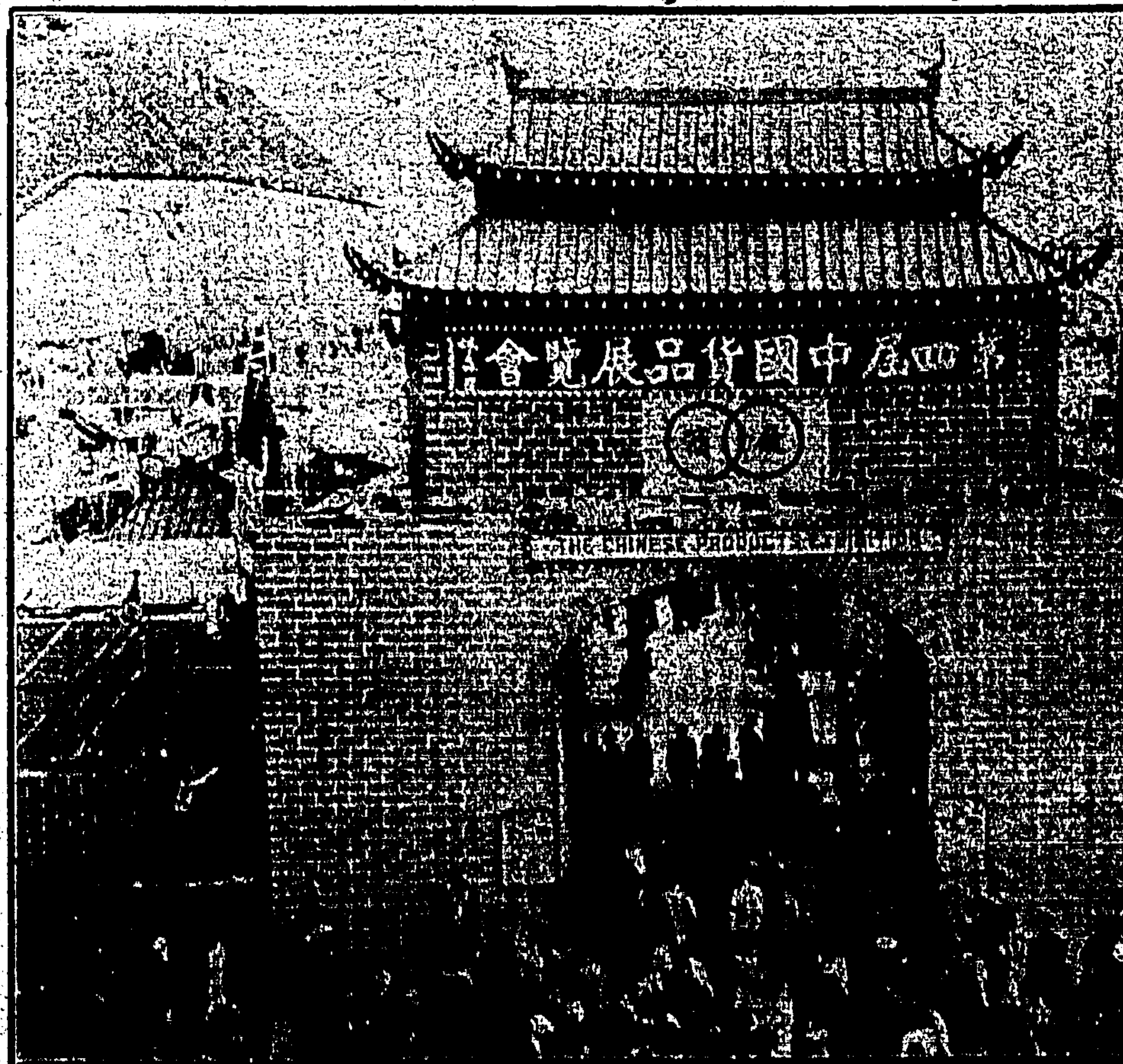


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A view of the impressive entrance to The Chinese Products Exhibition.

Parade Of Wardens

E. F. Norton, witnessed the first full-dress parade of Hong Kong Police Club ground last Saturday. Taking part were over 100 Divisions and seven Kowloon Divisions.

(Photographs by Kahn).



Mr. Justice E. Himsforth (second from right) photographed with other officers of the Sham Shui Po Division.



(At left)—A line-up of Chinese girl-wardens.



The Misses M. and G. Maxwell, Telephonist Wardens attached to the A.R.P. Intelligence Department.



His Excellency the Acting Governor making his inspection.



At left, Flight-Lieut. A. J. R. Moss is seen examining a model plane manufactured by the China "Aeroplane" Works.



The Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North and Mr. and Mrs. B. G. K. Hawkins watching a machine at work.



Mr. R. Dormer and Dr. T. M. Lai examining some of the gas-masks and helmets exhibited at the China Products Show.

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SOME sixty years ago a prominent German zoologist embarked on one of the most difficult pieces of research ever undertaken in a laboratory; he was determined to find man's soul. After many months of investigation he published a weighty two-volume opus announcing to an astonished world that he had met with partial success.

Not that he discovered the soul itself; but he did have clear, demonstrable evidence that it existed. He claimed that body odour—the B.O. of the modern-day soap advertiser—came directly from the soul. It emanated from the mouth, nose, skin and "directly from the brain as well." B.O., therefore, was not B.O. at all, but rather S.O.—soul odour!

Bizarre as this theory was, it received wide attention because of the reputation of its originator. Dr. Gustav Jaegar was a well-known professor of zoology, who had written several authoritative text-books on the subject. A man

Meet S.O.—soul odour to you! It is a direct challenge to the B.O. of the modern-day soap advertiser, and proves, according to a prominent German zoologist, the existence of man's soul.

that the underwear he made of wool, because it is worn next to the skin, and hence closest to the soul. "Women," he prescribed, "should wear all underclothes, stockings, even corsets made of pure wool. A dress of pure wool, closing well around the throat and having a double woollen lining at the chest and downwards, should be the summer and winter wear of women who would then participate in all the advantages which I have described and of which they stand even in greater need than men."

Jaegar's teachings resulted in the formation of an all-wool cult in Germany, which enjoyed some popularity for a short time. In England there was also some enthusiasm shown for Jaegar's theories, but the Englishmen were more interested in the warmth-giving qualities of Jaegar wool as a protection from insular dampness than they were in saving their souls.

of great scientific talent, he diligently went about describing the soul odour or *duft* as he named it. There are two kinds of soul odours emanating from the body—pleasant and unpleasant. The agreeable odours are beneficial, while the others are definitely harmful. Therefore, men and women should strive to retain the beneficial, agreeable odours and allow the others to escape.

How was this to be done? The resourceful Doctor was at no loss for an answer. He postulated that clothing made from the pure wool of animals had the desirable effect of retaining the salutary soul odours and permitted the dangerous ones to drift away. Therefore, he urged people to wear all-wool clothing to save their souls! It was this theory that ultimately led to the production of the 100% pure wool that bears his name, and that is still popular the world over to-day.

To his followers, Jaegar preached that of all articles of clothing, it was most important

Of all types of wool, the professor had a distinct preference for camel wool. In his opinion it was the most perfect soul-preservative available. In addition to its soul-saving qualities, he claimed that the wearer of camel hair would acquire certain desirable qualities of that animal; they would be able to exist on very light nourishment, and they would be endowed with an infinite amount of patience. The underlying principle, as explained by Dr. Jaegar, is that:

"When the *duft* of an organism is absorbed by eating the flesh or by wearing the hide, hair or feathers as clothing; or by using the fat of the animal for cosmetic purposes; or by lingering long in the atmosphere of such animals, then the organism thus absorbing the *duft* acquires not the entire set of qualities and characteristics of the animal absorbed, but its traits are more or less inclined in that direction."

All Dr. Jaegar's findings were the results of what he considered to be strictly scientific investigation, and not, to use his own words, "mere speculation evolved

from my inner consciousness while sitting at my desk." His laboratory and materials were human beings everywhere. Because women's hair-nets were generally found to be quite fragrant, he collected large numbers of them, and sniffed them carefully. Saturated as they were with *duft*, he believed it possible to determine the age as well as the characteristics of the former wearers. "If you smell the hair of a very young woman," he observed, "you will find the odour somewhat insipid and flat; or, as one of my women observers put it, the odours were like that of a rubber stopper—not a bad observation."

Jaegar's research with *soul duft* proceeded along several different lines. On one occasion he spent considerable time "humanising" foods. He did this by taking the hair of an attractive young woman, and soaking the *duft* out of it by placing it in water. He then drank the *duft* solution with his wine, and recorded that the effect was most exhilarating. Another time he consumed a similar solution concocted from the hair of a gifted operatic singer. The effect was nothing short of miraculous. His voice increased in range, and actually became more mellifluous! When the professor was 52 years old, he sniffed a lock of his hair that his wife had clipped from his

head when he was 27 years old. By breathing in the "strong soul" of his twenties, he was certain that a feeling of robustness and vigour possessed him.

In *duft* Dr. Jaegar found the explanation for a wide variety of things. Three of his more interesting claims are:

The secret of sexual happiness between a man and a woman lies in the compatibility of their respective body odours.

Men prefer German food because it is prepared by a woman, while women prefer French food because it is prepared by a male chef. The food is the carrier of the *soul-duft* of sex-attraction.

Plants have a *duft-soul* the same as human beings. That they are highly susceptible to odours is proven by the marked effect of manure on plant growth.

What are we to think of Dr. Gustav Jaegar and his strange work? A contemporary authority, Dr. Joseph Jastrow, writes in "Wish and Wisdom" (Appleton-Century) that "the modern psychiatrist would describe the German professor's mind as *paranoid*, not such as form the aristocracy of the insane asylums but of the same rationalising inclination."

He brought to what he considered a scientific problem the resources of a zoologist applied in *paranoid* fashion. He presents an extreme case of the fanatic devotion of a theorist deluded by his experiments to find what he looked for.

"The history of wayward thinking would have lost a precious document had Gustav Jaegar not written 'The Discovery of the Soul,' of which the specialty shops



Zarina Hussain, 15 months old daughter of Mr. K. Hussain, Hon. Secretary, H.K. Hockey Umpires' Association.

were the commercial descendants. The case of Dr. Jaegar is exceptional because, apart from the first generation of ardent Jaegarites, the product of a theory survived long after the theory itself was forgotten. Gustav Jaegar's soul, whether *duft* or not, kept marching on long after his body lay mouldering in the grave."

POTPOURRI

It has been rumoured that Hitler may drop Goering. This is no doubt his secret weapon. — *Punch*, London.

Someone once asked James J. Corbett what was the most important thing a man must do to become a champion. He replied, "Fight one more round." — *MILTON BACON*.

Goering to Hitler: "Benito is on the phone. He wants to know whether you've polished off those contemptible British—because if so he's ready to defy the full strength of Greece." — *Punch*, London.

Toscanini is accredited with an interesting story, said to have been told by him to the men of the orchestra during his recent South American tour. It appears that the famous La Scala Opera in Milan in the fall of 1913 planned to give four special performances of Verdi operas, with all-star casts, as a special feature honouring the centenary of the composer's birth. Two conductors were selected, Toscanini and a noted rival of his, each being allotted two operas.

Prior to the performances Toscanini's rival came to the management and asked that he be paid more than Toscanini. "I do not care whether it is only ten cents more a performance," he said, "I want to be paid that ten cents more."

The management agreed. Later, when the operas had been given, Toscanini's rival came to the opera house to collect his check. To his great surprise, the management gave him a bank draft for twenty cents. Naturally he protested; whereupon the management called his attention to the fact that he agreed he would accept ten cents a performance more than Toscanini was paid. "Despite the fact that our book-keeping and bank costs are greater than the twenty cents we are giving you," the management informed him, "we owe you no more, since Maestro Toscanini conducted his two operas for nothing." — *American Music Lover*, New York.

How many horses would it take to match the power of a hundred horse-power motor?

The answer is not "a hundred horses, of course." As a matter of fact, it is nearly three hundred horses!

The reason for this is that when horse-power was officially determined, it was a very exceptional horse that served as the standard. When James Watt experimented with one of his ear-

ly steam engines in a London brewery, the brewer insisted that one of his horses could do as much work as Watt's engine.

So Watt accepted the challenge, and the brewer's favourite horse toiled side by side with his steam engine, pumping water for eight hours. During this period the horse averaged 73.6 metre-kilograms. A metre-kilogram represented the power necessary to raise 2.2 pounds about a yard. To make calculations easier, the 73.6 kilograms were rounded to an even 70, and this was said to be equal to one horse-power. On the basis of later tests, however, it was discovered that the average horse was capable of only 27.8 metre-kilograms' work per hour—this is slightly more than a third of the established horse-power unit. — *Scribner's Commentator*, New York.

When the collection of metal for Hitler did not bring about the desired results in Czechoslovakia, von Neurath decided that many bronze statues of famous Czechs, Americans and Frenchmen were not of sufficient artistic value for the Nazi taste. These statues were thus "voluntarily" disposed of and destroyed with other valuable bronze works in collection for Hitler. Entire districts were by sheer threats forced to "voluntarily" hand over statues and busts of President Masaryk, and these barbaric acts of the Nazi Kultur-tragers gave rise to grim smiles and anecdotes among the Czechs. One of the latest stories is that the citizens of Prague have advised Hitler not to melt the famous statue of Moses which stands in front of the Prague Synagogue, but to have the prophet sent complete as it stands to Berlin, for only Moses could advise the Fuehrer how to cross the Channel without getting his feet wet. — *Czechoslovak v Anglii*, London.

Tokyo (*Business Week Bureau*) — At least one German firm will be able to meet its October delivery terms in Latin America even if the boastful promise of a Nazi victory by September does not materialise (B.W.—July 27 '40). This is the Siemens concern, largest German electrical-equipment manufacturer, which has branch distribution offices in all Latin American republics. (The main Siemens plant near Berlin was the target for a recent British night raid on the Berlin area.) Instructions have been sent from Berlin headquarters to Fush, Denki K. K. Siemens operating unit in Japan, to keep in trim for a rush of orders from Central and South America. Ordinarily the Japanese subsidiary is not allowed to export to

An Accumulation of Interesting and Humorous Odds and Ends Noted in the Month's Reading

markets other than Manchukuo and China, but market and licence agreements have apparently been waived "for the duration." — *Business Week*, New York.

Begin not with a programme, but with a deed. — *FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE*.

In a conversation I had with Winston Churchill he made use of a figure of speech that I found very striking when I asked him why England, at the time of the Sanctions, had given in and allowed the Italians to have their way.

"Have you ever," he asked me, "observed the habits of lobsters?" I replied that the habits of lobsters had never been one of my principal hobbies.

"Well," he said, "if you have the opportunity, study them. They are very interesting. At various periods of his life, the lobster loses his protective shell. At this moment of moulting the bravest crustacean retires into a crevice in the rock and there waits patiently until a new carapace has time to form. As soon as this new armour has grown strong, he sallies out of the crevice and becomes once more a fighter, lord of the seas."

England, through the fault of imprudent and cowardly ministers, has lost its carapace; we must wait in our crevice until the new one has had time to grow strong." — *ANDRE MAUROIS in Collier's*, New York.

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A Hollywood mogul who has never learned to read or write has managed nicely by signing his cheque with two crosses. His banker called him recently. "How about this cheque, here, it's got three crosses?"

"My wife has social ambitions," explained the mogul. "She thinks I should have a middle name."

TONGUE TWISTER

Man: "I want a loaf of Mumzie's Bread, a package of Krunchies, some Goody-Sanny Spread, Ole Mammy's Lasses, Orange Pully, a pound of Aunt Annie Sugar Candy, Bitsey Bite size."

Clerk: "Sorry, no Krunchies. How about Krinkly Krisps, Oatsie - Toasties, Maltie - Wheaties, Ricelets, or Eatum-Wheetums?"

Man: "The Wheetums, then."

Clerk: "Anything else? Tootsie, Tatory Chips, Chessie Weesies, Ginger Bits, Itsey Cakes, Sweetie Toofums, or Dramma's Doughnuts?"

Man (toddling toward meat department): "Tan't det anysing else. Dot to det some meat."

NOT EXACTLY

Doctor: "I don't like your heart action. You have had some trouble with Angina Factoris?"

Patient: "You're partly right, Doc, only that ain't her name."

CLOSE CALL

A flapper was permitted the use of her father's car only on the promise that she would not drive over forty miles an hour. Forty was reached with such ridiculous ease — and fifty just a wee bit of throttle beyond — the first thing the girl knew a motorcycle cop appeared. She was in for a ticket, dad's wrath, and no more use of the car.

She obeyed her first impulse and tramped on the accelerator, hoping to lose the law in her dust. Sixty — seventy — eighty — and finally ninety! But the motorcycle stayed with her.

Suddenly she spied a filling station about a mile down the road. She put everything she had into reaching it. And when almost abreast of it she slammed on the brakes, screeched to a stop and made a wild dash for the rest room, leaving the motor running and the car door open.

Ten minutes later, while the irate cop stood by, notebook in hand, she emerged demurely from the rest room, powdering her nose. Before the copper could say anything, she flashed him a sweet smile, and with a deep sigh of relief said: "Boy, that was a close one. I just made it!"

Mysterious Pamphlets

Every time a newspaper is suppressed in Yugoslavia ten pamphleteers spring to their typewriters. Croatia in particular has been flooded lately with handbills, leaflets and every manner of printed sheet. No one knows who writes them. No one knows where they are printed. No one knows how they are distributed.

This flood of mysterious pamphlets is giving the censors one long headache. Their troubles began when the pro-German Premier, Dr. Milan Stoyadinovitch, was overwhelmingly defeated and Croatian newspapers were forbidden to print a single line of election returns. Page by page, proofs of every edition were sent to the censor's office. Late at night a messenger rushed in with the proof of the back page of the Croatian journal, Dr. Matchek's official organ.

The censors glanced at it and quickly scribbled the mark of approval across the page. It was only the continuation of a translated American serial. But within a few hours many a Croat newspaper reader was in possession of all the election returns. They were buried in the heart of the serial story, a paragraph at a time.

One of the most rigid Government rules is that any "holes" made in a page by the censoring of forbidden news must be filled up. No "white space" is allowed, as readers must not know that there is interference with their news.

One newspaper editor is obeying the rule to the letter. But he has found out a way to indicate that there have been cuts by the censor. Every time the censor makes a "hole," the editor fills it in with a railway time-table.

—Association Press dispatch, in Evening Standard, London.

ANOTHER ONE!

A Scotchman stood on the bridge idly gazing at the water. A canoeist coming down the river suddenly overturned. He went down, came up gasping. The Scot looked on. Down he went the second time. When he came up again the Scot shouted to him, "Say, Mon, if ye don't come up the next time, may I have the boat?"

—AND WE'LL TAKE PIE!

A couple of horror quickies just blew in through our transom. (Shet it, Henner, fore them in-come revenooers start a-shooting!) And if you haven't heard them, this will help you to stop the next one:

Dracula, it is alleged, took time off from this and that to enter the exalted state of motherhood. Finally, came the day when she was adjudged strong enough to return home to Mr. Orsen Wells' garret. Whereupon the Head Nurse inquired, "Shall we send the little one home now, ma'am?"

"No, don't bother," replied Old Chills, "I'll eat it right here."

Bela Lugosi, out on the town, walked into the Beachcomber Bar the other night. Said the barman, very, very respectfully, "Yes, sir, and what will it be—a zombie?"

"Not to-night," replied Bela hollowly, "just make mine a small bier."

RECOMMENDED

"How do you like your new father?" asked the son of a Hollywood film star of his pal.

"Oh, he's all right, I guess."

"Sure — he's a good egg," agreed the lad. "I had him last year."

ENOUGH INCENTIVE

One day the telephone in the office of the Rector of President Roosevelt's Washington church rang, and an eager voice said, "Tell me, do you expect the President to be in church this Sunday?"

"That," the Rector explained patiently, "I cannot promise. But we expect God to be there, and we fancy that will be incentive enough for a reasonably large attendance."

GOOD TRICK

A drunk tried several times to navigate a revolving door, but finally gave up the attempt in disgust and leaned despondently against a lamppost.

A man came along the street and walked into the door. As it revolved, the other side revealed a pretty girl stepping from it. The drunk looked intently at her and remarked:

"It's a good trick, but I still don't see what the guy did with his clothes!"

AFTER YOU

He: Won't you join me in a cup of coffee?

She: You get in first.

RAT TRA

And then there was the cat who ate cheese and stood by the mousehole with baited breath.

CRUSHING

"What do you mean, I have baby hands?"

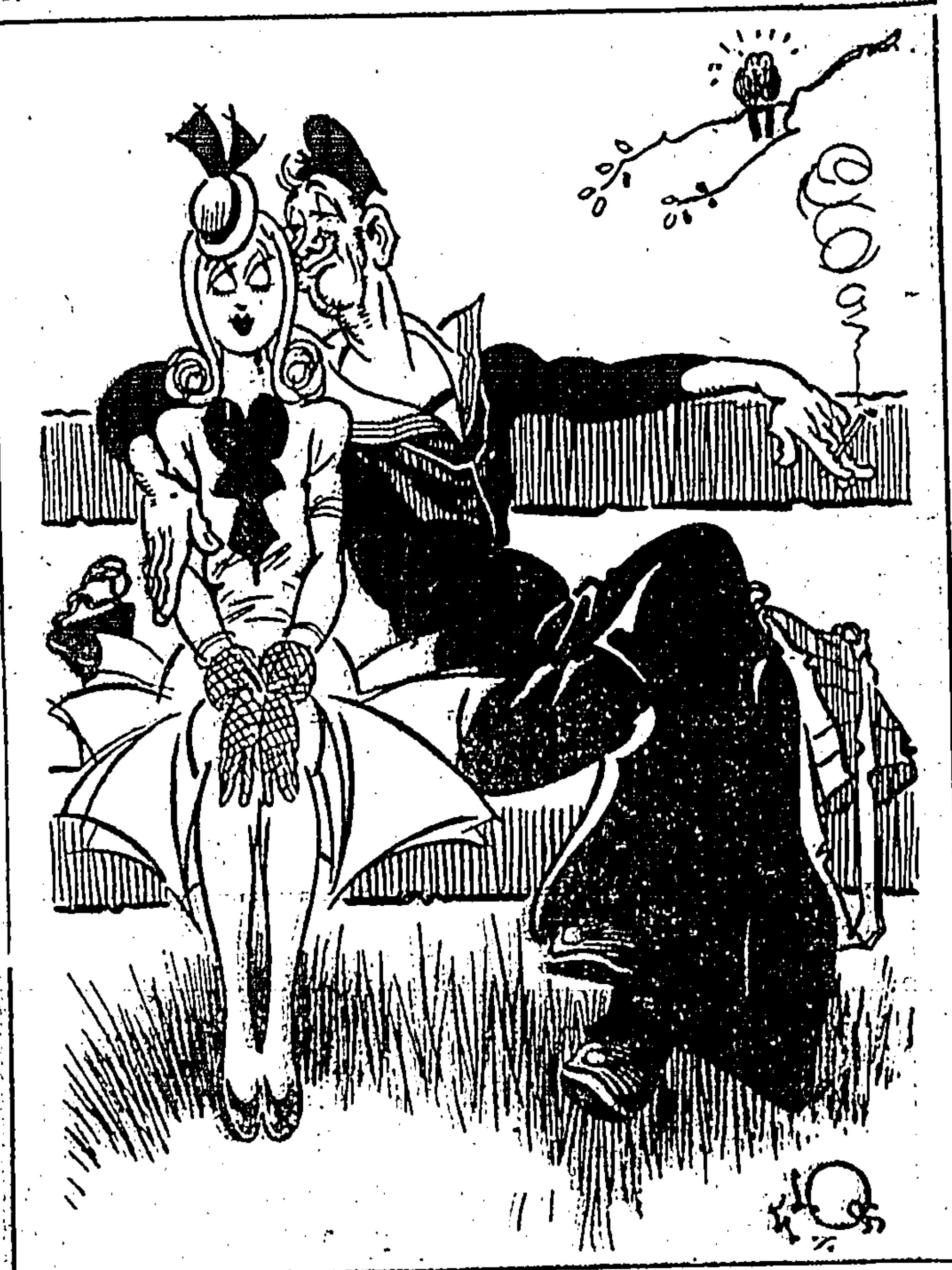
"They're just beginning to creep."



"I want you to see yourself as others see you!"—Judge, U.S.A.



"Sa, 'please!'"—College Humor, U.S.A.



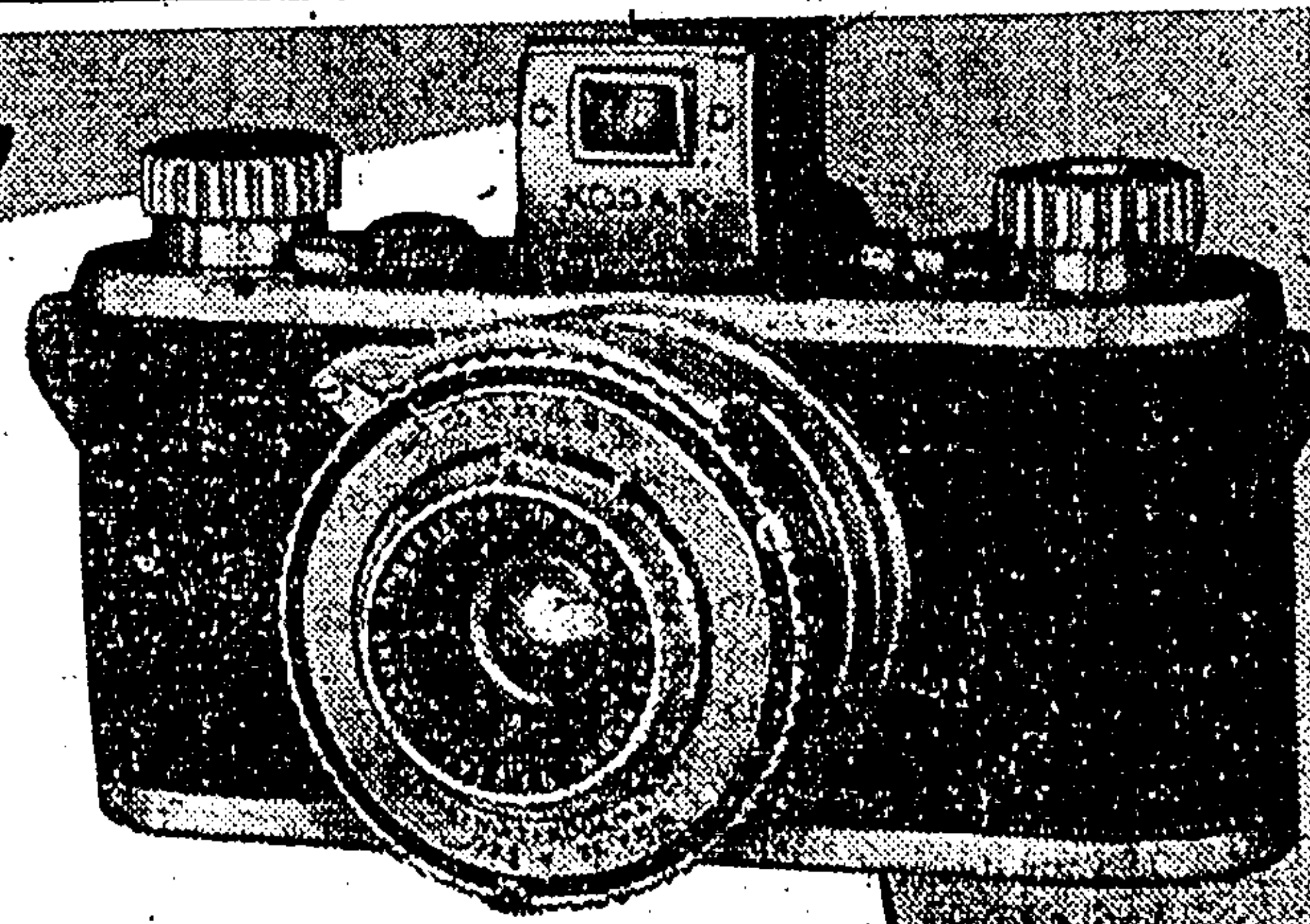
"Yes, I'm a bad lad, girlie. In fact, I'm a wolf in ship's clothing!"—Starrwood's Annual, London.

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Pupils of the True Light Girls' School in a physical display which was watched by His Excellency the Acting Governor last Friday. (Tong).



His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton inspected a display of physical training on Hong Kong Football Club ground last Friday, and is seen above presenting a certificate to the trainer of Shuk Chi Girls' School following the exercises. (Tong).



H.E. Lieut.-General E. F. Norton seen with Acting Lieut. B. J. Morahan, H.K.N.V.F., Mr. C. G. Solis, Capt. H. S. Batty-Smith and Mr. Y. P. Law at the physical training display. (Tong).



A line-out during the Quadrangular Tournament Rugby match between Navy and Club at the Valley last Saturday. Navy, thanks to their forwards, won 13-3. From left to right are Beattie, Watson, Macrae, King, Taylor, with ball, and Burd.

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O'Riordan, the Navy fly-half, taking a pass with Alec Taylor behind him and McGill alongside. Rutherford, Godfrey and Aitkenhead are in the background and King and Hackett on the right.



A dramatic save is made by the goalkeeper of Chinese "A" who met Rest "A" in the Charity football matches held at Causeway Bay last Sunday. Both Chinese "A" and "B" teams proved too good for those picked from the rest of the Colony — Chinese "A" winning by 5-1, and Chinese "B" by 5-2. (Tong).